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SPECIAL REPORT

# Shoot!

## CELTIC '83

—the best ever?

### SHILTON'S BIG PUSH

### SHOCK BOOST FOR MARINER

EUROPEAN CUPS  
Semi-Finals



## VOTE

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MOST  
EXCITING  
PLAYERS  
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Luton's Ricky Hill  
wins this midfield  
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A WEEK AT  
BOBBY CHARLTON'S  
SOCCER  
SCHOOL  
AND DUNLOP  
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# SEVENTH TIME

**1977:** Terry McDermott fires Liverpool into the lead against Borussia Moenchengladbach in Rome. The Germans fought back well but Liverpool won 3-1.

**1978:** Kenny Dalglish chips the winner against FC Bruges of Belgium at Wembley to crack a dour defensive system wholly of Continental manufacture.

**1979:** Trevor Francis sinks Malmö of Sweden with a first-half diving header to give Nottingham Forest victory in Munich's Olympic Stadium.

**1980:** John Robertson (observed by Kevin Keegan (No 7)) scores the winner against Hamburger SV to retain the Cup in England.

**1981:** Alan Kennedy blasts Liverpool to their third European Cup victory as his angled pile-driver whips beyond Real Madrid's helpless goalkeeper.

**1982:** Peter Withe rocks Europe with this close-range winner for Aston Villa against red-hot favourites Bayern Munich in Rotterdam.

**1983:** Boniek and Scirea combine to shut out Tony Morley while Tadeusz Swiatek of Widzew Lodz foils Ian Rush as England's two hopefuls stumble in the Quarter-Finals.

**S**NUFF out the black candles, whip off the black drapes — the English game at club level is not only alive, but as well as can be expected after the shock of coming to terms with not retaining the European Cup for a seventh successive season.

When Liverpool and Aston Villa were beaten in the Quarter-Finals by Widzew Lodz and Juventus respectively, it was a case of 'Seventh Time Unlucky' for England.

But the astonishing plunge into mourning for our domestic game on the basis of two results typifies a national trait that repeatedly leads to extremes of viewpoint on the basis of flimsy evidence.

## England has produced four different European Champion teams

Suddenly the six successive European Cup triumphs, by Liverpool (3), Nottingham Forest (2) and Aston Villa, are supposed to have masked deficiencies in our game! Critics have pointed to some of those Finals and condemned them for reasons varying from the majority of 1-0 scorelines to the quality of play and opposition.

The fact remains that Europe's top club Cup competition has been totally dominated by English

clubs, every one of whom face annual fixture commitments that terrify the rest of the Continent.

England has produced no fewer than four different European Champions, starting when Manchester United beat Benfica 4-1 at Wembley in 1968 — a feat as yet unmatched by any European nation.

Players of the quality of George Best, Bobby Charlton, Trevor Francis, Kevin Keegan, Kenny Dalglish and Peter Shilton have graced exciting Finals and beaten the 'superior' Continentals from whom, it would not seem, we have so much to learn.

Certainly there are some brilliant individual talents playing abroad — and a number of foreign players possess a close control and technique that would undoubtedly enhance the English game.

But surely we are not going to jump on a band-wagon of self-critical hysteria because Liverpool made two mistakes against Lodz — Bruce Grobbelaar's in the away leg and Graeme Souness' at Anfield.

And the fact that Aston Villa came up against the strongest and wealthiest club side in Italy — a

Juventus outfit comprising six World Cup winners plus Platini and Boniek — is hardly cause for the fevered outpourings to which we have all been treated.

All nations produce top-class club sides at some stage. It happens to be Italy's turn and Juventus, who have yet to win the European Cup, are a very fine side indeed. Yet they have been torn by internal strife over their expensive imports, the sale of Liam Brady and the inability of their 'super team' to click at any stage of the season before February!

## Our clubs have beaten the very best teams Europe can offer

No, let us calm down for a few moments and reflect on the magnificent achievements of English teams in *all three* European club competitions.

In winning the European Cup three times, Liverpool have beaten the very best teams on the Continent. They include St. Etienne, Borussia Moenchengladbach, Dynamo Dresden, Benfica, FC Bruges, CSKA Sofia, Bayern Munich and Real Madrid.

Forest overcame the class and

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# UNLUCKY



## SEMI-FINALS DRAW

EUROPEAN CUP  
Real Sociedad v Hamburger SV  
Juventus v Widzew Lodz

EUROPEAN CUP  
WINNERS' CUP  
Aberdeen v Waterschel  
Austria Vienna v Real Madrid

UEFA CUP  
Bohemians Prague v Anderlecht  
Benfica v Universitatea Craiova

experience of Cologne, AEK Athens, Dynamo Berlin, Ajax and Hamburger SV during their triumphs in 1979 and 1980.

Aston Villa overcame Dynamo Berlin, Dynamo Kiev, Anderlecht and Bayern Munich to win the trophy in 1982.

Since the European Cup-Winners' Cup began in 1960, no fewer than four different English clubs — Spurs, West Ham, Chelsea and Manchester City — have won it. And four more — Liverpool, Leeds, West Ham and Arsenal — have lost in Finals.

The UEFA Cup and its forerunner, the Inter Cities Fairs Cup, date back to 1955. The Fairs Cup's first three Finals all contained English sides — a London XI (1955-58); Birmingham City (1958-60) and City again in 1960-61. All three lost, but Leeds, after losing the 1967 Final, captured the trophy 12 months later.

That win began a remarkable run of English domination that saw Newcastle United, Arsenal,

Leeds again, Spurs and Liverpool win in successive seasons before Spurs lost to Feyenoord in 1974.

Liverpool won the UEFA Cup again in 1976 and Ipswich joined the list in 1981. All of which adds fuel to the argument that no single country has managed to match the enviable record of English clubs in European competition!

Nobody is preaching a head-in-the-sand attitude, nor do we argue with the fact that our game can benefit from technical advancement.

### *Too many games take their toll on our players*

But as long as our club sides face 42 League games plus League Cup, F.A. Cup and Europe, not to mention selection for international duty to five separate nations, the foreign club sides will always have a distinct advantage.

England's proud European record has come to a temporary halt. Yes, it needs all the professionalism within the English game to re-establish our clubs as the best in all three competitions, but we have no divine right to win, and such an assumption is probably more at the root of our game's problems than anything to do with our teams.

There is a strong argument for streamlining the League structure, reducing the number of clubs within the First Division and regionalising the Third and Fourth Divisions.

There are a host of gifted players playing in our club sides at this very moment — Tony Woodcock, Glenn Hoddle, Graham Rix, Bryan Robson, Sammy Lee, Ian Rush, Norman Whiteside, Steve Williams and Gary Shaw to name but nine.

Perhaps if our national League structure is altered to allow the very best the breathing space to produce their top form we will see an even greater domination of Europe than ever before.

## NO CHARITY FOR ABERDEEN

WHO'D have thought that the obstacle between Aberdeen and the Cup-Winners' Cup Final would be semi-professional Waterschel from a small mining town near Ghent, Belgium?

Today's hard-running Waterschel outfit are unbeaten in their 28,000 capacity Andre Dumont Stadium, and while conceding only four goals, they've hit 17 past Red Boys, BK33 Copenhagen and Ossie Ardiles' old club Paris St. Germain.

A good result at Pittodrie is vital, as Aberdeen won't be able to rely on charity in the return at Waterschel.

Austria Vienna's 42-year-old coach Wenzel Halamka now feels that the goal-keeping of Koncilia, plus the attacking skills of Polster and Steinkogler are enough to gain a place in the Final at the expense of Real Madrid.

## JUVENTUS FIRE-POWER

IN the European Cup Liverpool's conquerors Widzew Lodz, who've been averaging three goals per game in the tournament, will certainly give Zoff, Gentile and Scirea a few headaches in their clash with Juventus. But Rossi, Platini, Boniek and co. look to have too much fire-power for a defence that's conceded ten goals in six matches.

The other Semi-Final is a David and Goliath clash between Ernst Happel's mighty Hamburger SV side, complete with Magath, Hrubesch, Bastrop and Milewski, and modest Real Sociedad of San Sebastian.

## UEFA CUP

IN the UEFA Cup, the two East-West clashes could lead to a thrilling Benfica v Anderlecht Final, though both Bohemians Prague and Universitatea Craiova have proved tough opposition for seemingly superior opponents.



1983





# BRITISH STILL THE BEST



We've only ourselves to blame for defeat by Widzew Lodz.

**B**EING knocked out of the European Cup — ironically at the same stage as last season — by superior opposition is something we could accept. But it's hard for us to live with the fact that losing to Polish Champions Widzew Lodz was our own fault.

Two silly mistakes — one in each leg — wrecked our dream of bringing the trophy to Anfield for a fourth time.

One of the reasons why Liverpool have established themselves as the most successful team in Britain is because our trainers drum into us concentration and the importance of keeping possession of the ball.

Yet two schoolboy errors meant we lost to a Polish team we should have sent packing without any trouble.

In the first-leg in Poland our 'keeper, Bruce Grobbelaar, presented Lodz with their first goal by dropping the ball at a forward's feet.

Yet even though the Poles scored another goal, we still felt confident of wiping out their lead at Anfield in the second-leg.

Things seemed to be going to plan when Phil Neal put us ahead with a penalty, but then Graeme Souness made the uncharacteristic error of slipping in the mud, losing possession and allowing a Pole to belt for goal with only Bruce to beat.

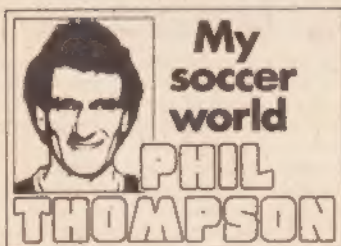
The player dived like a good 'un as Bruce flung himself at his feet, and the ref awarded a penalty from which the Poles levelled.

That away goal left us with a mountain to climb, particularly when we left a gap which the Poles exploited to get a second goal.

We drew no consolation from scoring twice more and coming off winners. We'd lost on aggregate to a side that had a lot of luck — and will need even more to get through the Semi-Final against Juventus!

The loss of Kenny Dalglish through a sudden stomach virus on the afternoon of the game had been a big blow. Kenny is at the peak of his form at the moment — any suggestions that this is his last season at Anfield are absurd — and the Poles must have thanked their lucky stars they didn't have him to face.

Bob Paisley was furious at the Poles' gamesmanship, falling



down at every opportunity to destroy our rhythm, but in our hearts we all knew we were to blame for our defeat.

The gloom in the dressing-room weighed everybody down.

And no one pointed an accusing finger at Graeme, who was going through even worse mental torture.

We all knew any one of us could have been guilty of his mistake.

It took a lot of courage for him to go out in front of the TV cameras and accept the blame.

Uppermost in our minds was remorse at having let down fans whose tremendous support had inspired us on so many occasions.

## Drifting

We felt even worse the following morning when we turned up for training. People were drifting around the car park, still trying to take in the fact they weren't going to Athens in May to watch us in the Final.

But they hadn't turned out to have a go at us, as they were perfectly entitled to, but to gee us up for the big derby game against Everton at Anfield on the Saturday.

With the backing of fans like them, Liverpool will always be a great club.

Not only in England, but in Europe. One setback doesn't mean we're going into the same sort of decline as the other European Cup "hat-trick" clubs, Real Madrid, Ajax and Bayern Munich.

Already England's unique achievement of holding the trophy for six years is being decried in

Liverpool can win the European Cup again.



some quarters. Cynics insist it was due to us taking advantage of Continental clubs going through a bad spell.

Rubbish! We dominated the European Cup by developing teamwork, our greatest strength, and the Continentals are making a comeback by copying us in this respect.

There's no denying their clubs have players with breathtaking skills, particularly the Juventus side which knocked out the holders Aston Villa.

We were all looking forward to testing our mettle against the Italians in the Final. Now that we're out of the competition, I can't see anyone stopping them taking the Cup to Turin for the first time.

## Incentive

The criticism that followed the defeats of ourselves and Villa in the Quarter-Finals has given us the incentive to strive even harder for the Cup next season. It seems that only another win will prove something I firmly believe in — that British is still the best!

We'll get that Cup again — next year!

Right now we're concentrating on winning the Championship and continuing the development of a team that has the potential to capture even more glittering prizes than those of the past.

This Saturday we play at Anfield against Sunderland, a side who have put together a run of good results to haul themselves away from the relegation zone.

They gave us a hard game at Roker Park around Christmas which ended 0-0.

I'm sure I can promise goals in this one — at least from Liverpool!

*Phil Thompson*



**T**HE Northern lights of Aberdeen are currently dazzling Europe as they blaze as brightly as the scarlet shirts of the proud Pittodrie outfit.

"Suddenly everyone wants to know all about us," says manager Alex Ferguson, the man who masterminded the team's historic triumph against former European Cup kings Bayern Munich in the Cup-Winners' Cup Quarter-Final and who fully intends repeating the magic formula against the Belgians of Waterschel in the Semi-Finals.

"The victory over the West Germans means so much to the club, not just in terms of hard cash, but also prestige.

"It has given this team an identity. It is a very rewarding experience."

Alex Ferguson, too, is a name on everyone's lips. Like the team's star performer Gordon Strachan, he could find himself in great demand and, amazingly, Fergie isn't on a contract at Pittodrie.

"I trust the chairman, Dick Donald. I don't need bits of paper

to feel secure," says Ferguson, who's colourful playing career saw action with Queen's Park, St. Johnstone, Dunfermline, Rangers and Falkirk.

His managerial career started at Stirling, progressed to St. Mirren and he took over as boss of Aberdeen from Billy McNeill in 1978 and led them to their first League title in 25 years three seasons ago.

So what is the secret of this remarkable club? Quite simply, Ferguson has assembled one of the best outfits in Europe and has brilliant performers right through his line-up.

He can point to international stars Jim Leighton, Alex McLeish, Willie Miller and Gordon Strachan. They give the team backbone.

Tricky outside-left Peter Weir, so irritatingly inconsistent at times, is also ready to come back into the international limelight again as a natural successor to John Robertson.

Ferguson can also look at talented youngsters John Hewitt, who was once on Aston Villa's books and who grabbed the golden winner against Bayern, Neale Cooper, Neil Simpson and

Eric Black, four promising young men who should also, barring disasters, make an impact on the international scene.

And then there is the hard-working Mark McGhee, of whom striking colleague Eric Black says: "He is an absolute dream to play alongside. He does an awful lot of running off the ball, dragging opponents all over the place which leaves the way open for players such as myself to get into goalscoring positions. He does not get the credit he deserves."

### 'Fights'

Stuart Kennedy, at 30, is the 'veteran' of this team and he says: "I am really enjoying this season. Everyone fights for each other at this club. They are a smashing bunch of lads and there is a great atmosphere."

Ferguson, once known as the fire brand of Scottish soccer because of his clashes with authority, both as a player and manager, also looks to players such as Dougie Bell, snapped up on a free transfer from St. Mirren, Andy Watson and John McMaster and says: "Those three were on the bench against Bayern."

"They would walk into any other team in the Premier Division. But we operate on a squad basis at Pittodrie and no one can expect to automatically get a game."

Captain Willie Miller, born and brought up a corner kick from Parkhead, home of fierce rivals Celtic, typifies the spirit of The Dons although Ferguson admits: "When I first came here I didn't really fancy him."

"I didn't like the way he ran and I thought his lack of height would count against him as a defender. I completely changed my mind about him after only three games."

"He is a born winner. He's a typical product of the Glasgow streets... he just never knows when he is beaten. He is not interested in being a runner-up and that's the outlook I want from everyone at Pittodrie. Thankfully, that's the attitude everyone has."

Can Aberdeen go on and win the European Cup-Winners' Cup? Ferguson snaps: "Of course we can. We are afraid of no one. After beating Bayern we can beat anyone."

Gordon Strachan may get most of the headlines but even he is swift to say: "It's no one man band at Pittodrie. We all play a part. It is a team effort."

Aberdeen, in fact, have been an exceptionally good side for the past four years, but they have had to live in the shadow of Celtic for the past two seasons as the Parkhead men have claimed the Premier Division title.

The Dons, though, are making a spirited take-over bid and with the talented squad which Ferguson has available at Pittodrie they will take some shifting should they climb back to the number one spot.

# DONS' EURO DAZZLERS



Alex McLeish leaps to head Aberdeen's equaliser in the second leg of their game against Bayern which they won 3-2.





**MALCOLM Macdonald is working a miracle. Fulham's 33-year-old manager is on course for promotion to the First Division with a team that cost him precisely nothing.**

And the irony of cash-saving at Craven Cottage is not lost on the Fulham-born former England centre-forward. He began his League career with the club but ended up transferred to Luton Town because Fulham would not pay him an extra £5 a week!

That was back in July 1969. Macdonald's pace, directness, strength and deadly finishing combined to make him the most feared No. 9 in the game and after 49 League goals in 88 games for Luton he was transferred to Newcastle United for £180,000 in May 1971 to begin an unforgettable reign as the King of Tyneside.

Much has been written and said about Macdonald's playing career — 14 full England caps and four for the Under 23's; three Wembley Finals, all lost; memorable goals for Fulham, Luton, Newcastle and Arsenal... then agony as a knee injury ended his career when only 29.

But the measure of the man extends way beyond his playing days. And although it seems hardly possible, Macdonald is threatening to become an even more successful manager than he was a striker.

"I remember saying repeatedly that I would never become a football manager," he says, "because I saw nothing in the job that appealed to me. When I finished playing I went deeper into business, some TV work, newspapers and running my own company, Malcolm Macdonald Enterprises.

"Around Christmas 1979 I agreed with Fulham to front my own company here and handle the commercial side of things. People called me 'Commercial Manager' but that was not strictly the case.

"Fulham went down into the Third Division and for the first three months of the new season were in the relegation zone. It was virtually impossible to make the commercial aspect work in that situation so I introduced the Rugby

League at Craven Cottage.

"That was something we all enjoyed very much, but in October 1980 Bobby Campbell resigned as manager. By this time I'd become more and more convinced that I had something to offer in management after all. I watched games and saw players frustrated, puzzled and constantly seeking advice from the bench, as if they really did not know what was expected of them.

"So I let it be known that I wanted to enter management and Ernie Clay, Fulham chairman appointed me on November 5, 1980.

"Let's get one thing straight, I'm no coach and don't pretend to be. I have damn good men on my staff, men like Ray Harford and Terry Mancini. I lay down our guidelines

and let the experts get on with the coaching."

During his brief reign to date Macdonald has steered Fulham to promotion from the Third Division, brought the fans back to Craven Cottage, become a director of the club and silenced those critics who believed he would never be able to practise what he preached — open, entertaining, attacking football allied to success.

People struggle to get to know the real Macdonald. But he has the ability to be charming, entertaining and memorably expansive, yet often remaining aloof and distant. There is a streak of hardness running through the man. His gift is knowing how and when to use it.

Macdonald is the eldest of four brothers. His father died when he was a teenager and he left Sloane Grammar School to help his mother run the family shop.

"Dealing with salesmen,

accountants and being involved in the problems and pitfalls of business at 17 gave me an insight into the adult world and armed me with a tremendous knowledge very early in life."

He opened boutiques in the North-East while still a player and became respected as a shrewd young businessman. He excelled on radio, upped newspaper circulations with biting columns and is now on his third book. The image was that of a straight-talking extrovert with a love of the spotlight. Wrong again.

With the world at his feet and the London nightlife there for the experiencing, Macdonald bought a big bungalow in Bedfordshire to ensure his wife Julie and their daughters Jeanette, Claire, Louise, Emily and Lindsay peace, freedom and security.

But within that world Macdonald is making astonishing strides. He persuaded Ray Houghton to join Fulham on a free transfer from West Ham when First Division clubs were banging on the young Glaswegian's door. And he developed the squad of youngsters left by Bobby Campbell without spending a penny of the club's very limited cash.

"When I joined Arsenal they had a brilliant crop of youngsters who had grown up together — Liam Brady, Frank Stapleton, David O'Leary, Ritchie Powling and David Price to name five. When I came to Fulham I recognised the same type of lads coming through the ranks.

"I was fortunate to inherit the likes of Dean Coney, Jeff Hopkins, Robert Wilson, Dale Tempest and Paul Parker. They are a great bunch of players, ambitious, hard working and very professional — a joy to work with."

As a player Malcolm Macdonald complained that football was getting too complicated and bogged down in its own trappings. People told him that if he ever became a manager he would see the other side of the problem. He has... and he doesn't.

## Malcolm Macdonald's miracle 'without money'

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**STAR SPOT**  
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Born in Fulham, London on January 7, 1950, Malcolm Macdonald began his career as a left-back with Southern League Tonbridge. Joined Fulham and scored on League debut, at centre-forward. Went on to play for Luton, Newcastle and Arsenal, appearing in the 1974 F.A. Cup Final and 1976 League Cup Final with United and the 1978 F.A. Cup Final with Arsenal. Scored four goals in four England Under-23 appearances and six in 14 full games for his country.



# Shoot!

## Most Exciting Players of the Year 1983

### ENGLAND

1970  
Peter Bonetti

1971  
Steve Heighway

1972  
Kevin Keegan

1973  
Allan Clarke

1974  
Billy Bremner

1975  
Alan Hudson

1976  
Gordon Hill

1977  
Andy Gray

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Kenny Dalglish

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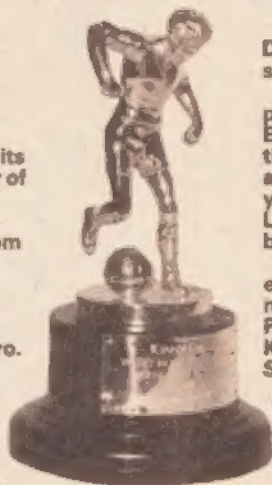
1981  
Kenny Dalglish

1982  
Glenn Hoddle

**W**HO are the players who send a shiver of excitement down your spine whenever you watch them play?

SHOOT is poised to award its annual "Most Exciting Player of the Year" trophies to the players you nominate to receive the silver trophies from the English and Scottish Leagues.

Last year's English League winner was Glenn Hoddle, Tottenham's midfield maestro. The Scottish award went to



Dundee United's talented striker Paul Sturrock.

You can vote for only one player. If your choice is from the English League, place an "E" in the box on the coupon alongside your nomination. If you are voting for a Scottish League star, write an "S" in the box.

Don't delay. Closing date for entries is April 18. Send your nomination to: Most Exciting Player of the Year, SHOOT, King's Reach Tower, Stamford Street, London SE1 9LS.

### SCOTLAND

1970  
Jimmy Johnstone

1971  
Willie Henderson

1972  
Joe Harper

1973  
Derek Parlane

1974  
Kenny Dalglish

1975  
Sandy Jardine

1976  
Willie Pettigrew

1977  
Danny McGrain

1978  
Derek Johnstone

1979  
Andy Ritchie

1980  
Davie Provan

1981  
Charlie Nicholas

1982  
Paul Sturrock



# VOTE TODAY!

I nominate as my  
Most Exciting Player of the Year

Player's Name

Club

Address

Age



# RON'S BIG HEADACHE!

**M**ANCHESTER United's manager Ron Atkinson is faced with an agonising decision now that my injury, the most wretched of my nine-year career, is mending.

His problem is to decide who should form United's midfield for the F.A. Cup Semi-Final battle against Arsenal, on Saturday, April 16.

I want to play in that game. Ray Wilkins is determined to play. Steve Coppell wants to play. Arnold Muhren wants to play. Remi Moses wants to play. And Ashley Grimes, who never lets anyone down when he gets a chance, also wants to play.

It doesn't take a great football brain to know that we can't all pull on a red shirt at Villa Park. But who does Ron leave out for a game that means so much to Manchester United's future?

I have played enough football to know that I will not be an automatic choice after missing so much football in recent weeks. Captain of club and country means nothing when you're recovering from injury.

What it really means, of course, is that United have an outstanding group of players all fighting for places.

I would hate to have to make the choice Ron is facing.

So what does he do? He doesn't hide for a start. He will back his judgment and choose his team with no room for sentiment.

There are certain guidelines he will follow in selecting the midfield he believes can inflict defeat on Arsenal for the third time in four games this season.

Every midfield needs a playmaker, someone like Graeme Souness. He will need a midfield man who gets forward, tucking in behind Frank Stapleton and Norman Whiteside. John Wark, of Ipswich and Scotland, and Terry McDermott, now at Newcastle, are experts in that role.

He will also need a runner and tackler, with plenty of commitment, who is prepared to run himself until he drops for the good of his defence and front-runners. I'm thinking of a

Sammy Lee, or Tony Grealish, Brighton's Republic of Ireland midfield man.

We certainly have the edge on Arsenal in terms of confidence. They won't have forgotten our crushing 4-2 League Milk Cup win at Highbury, nor the 2-1 victory over them at Old Trafford in the second leg of that Semi-Final.

I shall relish an opportunity to play at Villa Park if I'm lucky enough to get the boss' vote. Big pitches suit our style — and they don't come much bigger than that one.

It's very long, and very wide, a perfect surface for United to turn on the power, and in direct contrast to the small, rather cramped conditions at Luton, whom we beat in the F.A. Cup Fourth Round.

I'm sure a week of the good life in Italy as guest of my England chum Trevor Francis worked



**BRYAN ROBSON**  
writes  
for you



wonders in seeing off the plaster that encased my injured leg.

I'd hardly landed with my wife, Denise, and eldest daughter, Claire, before I was limping off with Trevor to a game at Sampdoria.

Stories over here suggest that Trevor has struggled and is not too popular. Not too popular with the Italian newspapers, who accused him of feigning injury, but the fans and the club he plays for think he is wonderful.

Trevor and Liam Brady, who both play for the same club, are second and third in the Italian popularity ratings based on their performances.

The English game is sometimes criticised for being dull. I tell you what, it's a lot more exciting than Italian football, from what I could see.

*RIGHT: Newcastle's Terry McDermott is an expert at getting forward from midfield.*

*LEFT: I don't think Frank Stapleton has had the credit due to him for his marvellous goal against Everton.*

Within minutes of the start I noticed how eight men would try to get behind the ball when the opposition took possession. Then would come a slow build-up, and the poor strikers, including Trevor, had to fend for themselves up front.

Trevor never gets any stick from the crowd. They love him. And whereas we play twice a week over here more often than not, he has just the one game a week.

There is less pressure on a player's time in Italy. I am forever attending functions when I'm not playing or training. Trevor is a free agent during the week.

Nobody will prise me away from Manchester United for a long time, but I can understand why players like Trevor go to Italy. I'd certainly fancy my chances out there as a midfield player, who are the key men in Italian teams.

A final word on another subject. Alan Brazil was said to be joining Manchester United months ago. Now he has gone to Spurs. I think



he has done us a favour by choosing London rather than Manchester.

The way Frank Stapleton — who hasn't really been given credit for sinking Everton in the Cup — and Norman Whiteside are playing, Ron Atkinson would be forced to make another difficult decision.

And Brazil would not be certain of his place on the current form of United's two strikers!

*Bryan Robson*





## Europe's best

Although it's sad that Villa have lost their grip on the European Cup, I feel credit is due to a marvellous Juventus side. Surely they must now go on to win the trophy.

JANE CLARKE,  
WOODFORD GREEN, ESSEX.



I would have thought so, particularly as Liverpool are also out. I know you shouldn't judge a side on the strength of one game, but when I saw Juventus in the first leg at Villa Park I thought they were out of this world. I said in The Sun recently that I rate them as highly as the great Real Madrid, Ajax and Manchester United teams of the past. Perhaps they're the best club side ever. Even their 'unknowns' like Brio and Bonini are tremendous players.

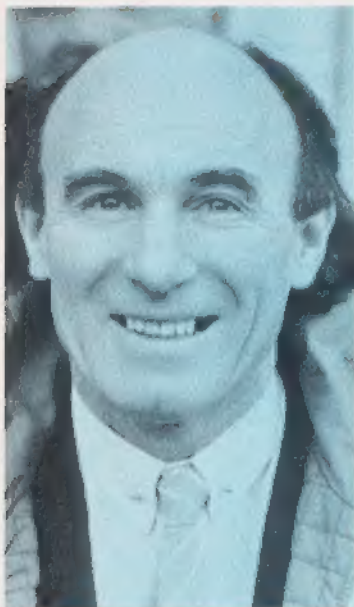
## Disgraceful

I hope the Scottish F.A. take a very hard line when dealing with Willie Johnston's 20th sending off. Such players are responsible for soccer's terrible image.

ALAN REEVES,  
EDINBURGH.



I'm not trying to defend Johnston, because his record is terrible and there's no smoke without fire. But I wonder if he's one of those players who's suffering because of a poor reputation. I'm convinced that refs get together and tell each other about certain players to watch out for, and those particular lads are often booked or sent-off for pretty trivial offences. Has Johnston really deserved to be sent-off 20 times?



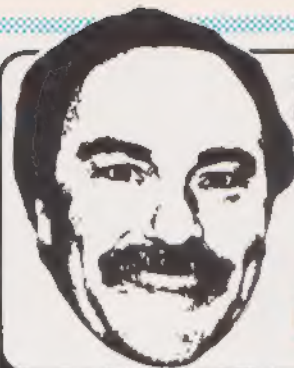
## Merry Melia

Hesn't anyone told Jimmy Melia that to be a successful manager you've got to be as miserable as sin? Every time I see Brighton's boss he's laughing and joking. He obviously won't last long.

TREVOR MORRIS,  
SURBITON, SURREY.



Jimmy's a cheerful soul and it's lovely to see somebody with something to smile about. The tragedy is that if he gains success he'll be as miserable as all the others because he'll be able to treat the media with the customary disregard. Actually, most managers aren't really as unhappy as they appear in public. Some even enjoy their jobs! I'll be interested to see if Jimmy's still smiling after Sheffield Wednesday beat his mob in the F.A. Cup Semi-Final.



## Straight shooting from JIMMY GREAVES

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This week's Star Letter and £10 winner comes from Colin Mackay of Argyll Street, Aberdeen. He writes:

## DEMON DONS



Now that Aston Villa and Liverpool are out of Europe, is it too much to expect some English credit for Aberdeen, conquerors of mighty Bayern Munich? I know you don't like praising Scottish football, but even you've got to admit The Dons have done brilliantly to reach the Cup-Winners' Cup Finals.



Contrary to popular opinion, I've got nothing against Scottish soccer. All I say is that you've got a few 'Mickey Mouse' keepers! I say a lot of things with my tongue firmly planted in my cheek, but unfortunately some people don't realise that. I take stick from you Jocks and don't mind. But some don't like it when I have a go back at them. Aberdeen are a very good side, and as Britain's last representatives in Europe deserve great credit. Speaking as an Englishman, I sincerely hope they can go on and win the Cup-Winners' Cup.

Aberdeen (white shirts), Euro conquerors of Bayern Munich.

## Wembley woe

When I asked at Wembley about England v Scotland tickets I was told they were being distributed through the clubs. All the top London clubs tell me they've sold out. I haven't missed an England home match for three years, but again it seems the real fans will be hard done by.

ROBERT SHOVLIN,  
HOUNSLOW, MIDDX.



Every club affiliated to the F.A. gets the chance to buy a couple of tickets for the big games. Although it's nice to see the Sunday teams feeling the benefits, it's a system open to abuse. So many of these tickets end up on the black market or in the hands of people who aren't really all that interested.

## Moran magic

Manchester United's Kevin Moran has done remarkably well since switching from Gaelic football. He's so brave and reminds me of your former Spurs teammate Dave Mackay.

JOHN LEONARD,  
TRIM, CO. MEATH.



He certainly matches Mackay for bravery and determination. Kevin's done a great job and epitomises the 100 per cent commitment to be found in the United camp. But it's impossible for me to compare him to Dave Mackay. For me he was the greatest footballer ever to play for Spurs and one of the finest in the world.

Kevin Moran heads home against Birmingham at Old Trafford.



## Greedy Lukic

I'm very annoyed with the attitude of Leeds United's transfer seeking 'keeper John Lukic. He's taken so much from the club and could offer so much in return. Instead it seems that loyalty has been replaced by personal ambition and financial gain.

CHRIS BOFFEY,  
HORSFORTH, LEEDS.



It seems very strange that a player who's made about 140 consecutive appearances should suddenly ask for a move. I can only assume there's more behind Lukic's request than has been said. I don't know if he's fallen out with anybody at Elland Road but it all seems most suspicious. If he really does want to leave simply to make more money, I'd get rid of him as soon as I could.



## Valley of tears

Following Paul Elliott's transfer to Luton it seemed that Charlton would rather sell their whole team before admitting they couldn't afford to keep Allan Simonsen. Fortunately, someone at The Valley has had the good sense to let him go.

NICHOLAS NICE,  
BROMLEY, KENT.



Like most people, I said at the time of Allan's arrival that Charlton were making a big mistake. It's a shame that the club had to learn their lesson in such a hard way. Unfortunately, I don't think there's anything they can do to get the fans back. Charlton just have to learn to live with the fact that they are no longer a big footballing part of the world. But I wish them — and Simonsen — all the best for the future.

## Ton-up Reds

As a member of the last team to score 100 League goals in a season, how do you rate Liverpool's chances of emulating that feat this term?

G. SHIRT,  
STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.



They've got a better chance than most, because Liverpool are one of the very few sides who don't let up after scoring two. When I was playing you kept going right to the end, always trying to add another goal. But now you can see teams visibly easing off as soon as they get a couple of goals ahead. I can see no reason why every team shouldn't get 100 goals every season.

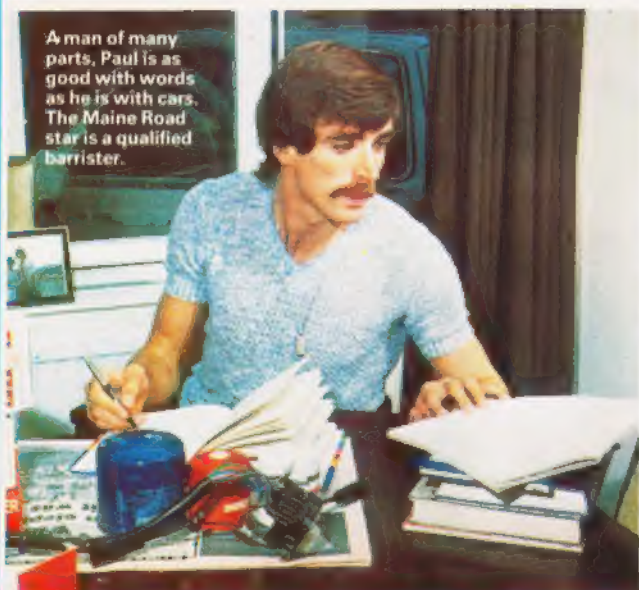


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# SPECIAL REPORT

Billy McNeill, a manager who doesn't mince his words

# Another Celtic in the



Celtic's Lisbon Lions of 1967 (left) and Steve Chalmers' winning goal against Inter Milan (above).



**M**OST of the headlines in Scottish football this season have not surprisingly centred upon Glasgow.

However, the astoundingly consistent form of Celtic has been pushed slightly into the background because the spotlight is falling on their struggling rivals, Rangers.

Quietly, almost unobtrusively, Celtic have got on with the job in hand and have emphasised why many critics have said this is the best Parkhead team since the remarkable side of the Sixties that became the first British team to win the European Cup.

Tommy Gemmell, left-back with that splendid team of the past, says: "I don't think there is such a thing as perfection in football, but if there was then it would be that Celtic team that won Europe's top prize in 1967.

"That side had absolutely everything. We had so many different types of players, but it all came together under Jock Stein's guidance.

"I don't think it is fair to make comparisons with then and now. I'm obviously biased and so many things have changed in the game."

## 'We want lads steeped in Celtic tradition'

Manager Billy McNeill, centre-half and captain of that side, says: "Frankly, some of the players today must be fed-up with everyone talking about that team of the Sixties. We are now in the Eighties, and it's time for them to do their bit. It's time for them to show what they can do for this club."

McNeill, as impressive off the pitch as he was on it during his playing days, ducks away from a lot of the back-slaps, but the work he has done with this present line-up is remarkable.

He hasn't raided the transfer market — chairman Desmond White is undoubtedly thankful for

that! — and the boys he has introduced to the team are now household names and pushing for international honours. Charlie Nicholas is the epitome of what McNeill is trying to achieve at Parkhead.

"I want lads coming into the team steeped in the Celtic tradition," he says in the knowledge that the team that won the European Cup contained Jim Craig, Bobby Murdoch, John Clark — his present assistant manager — Jimmy Johnstone, Steve Chalmers, Bobby Lennox, Gemmell and himself as players who came through the club's ranks.

## 'We never rush our young players at Parkhead'

McNeill is continuing in the manner of his previous managers, Jimmy McGrory and Jock Stein. He is Celtic through-and-through and always has the club's image in mind.

"We never rush players at Parkhead," he says. "If you do that you can burn them out, ask too much of them. If they don't perform consistently well they begin to have self-doubts about their ability and that can be disastrous.

"I pick and choose games for the younger players. Some youngsters are ready to go in at the deep and more quickly than others. Charlie Nicholas and Paul McStay are two exceptional examples."

Nicholas is the striker everyone raves about. His goalscoring ability is in no doubt. However, there are those who will tell you that Paul McStay, introduced in midfield just over a year ago, is the player around whom Celtic's fortunes will centre in the coming years.

Skipper Danny McGrain has no doubts. He says emphatically

"Both Charlie and Paul are possibly four or five years from their peak. When they achieve that they will be excellent players — top class.

"Personally, I'll always be happy to say I have played alongside these lads. They mean that much to me."

While Nicholas mesmerises opponents in and around the penalty box, teenager McStay glides around midfield linking defence with attack in a manner that makes nonsense of his comparative inexperience.

He has poise, grace and the appetite to work hard for his teammates. He says simply: "I've always had the ability to hit passes."

Anyone who has witnessed the masterful McStay will tell you he has more than just the ability to "hit passes" as he so solemnly puts it.

McStay and Nicholas, then, are obviously cornerstones of this Celtic line-up of today. All the controversy over Nicholas possibly going at the end of his contract in June isn't something that immediately concerns McNeill.

## 'Football is not about individuals'

He points out: "We'll tackle that one when we get to it. There's a long way for this season to go yet. However, I have spoken to the directors here and they will make Charlie a lucrative offer."

But Celtic '83 are no one-man band. McNeill says: "Everyone is there to do a job. Some may get



# Grand-Slam making?



more publicity than others, but football is not about individuals."

McNeill has made sweeping changes since taking over as Celtic manager in 1978. The previous season had been an absolute disaster for the team. Their crown hadn't so much slipped as vanished.

The team that had swept to nine successive League Championships was in the doldrums.

No trophies were won that season and worse, the team failed to secure a place in Europe for the first time in almost 20 years.

Changes had to be made. In typical Celtic fashion they were carried out amicably. Jock Stein was offered a place on the board. He thought about it, but declined and went to Leeds United on his whistle-stop trip before returning to become Scotland's national manager.

## 'It is up to us to regain the lead'

McNeill, then in charge of Aberdeen, transferred his extra-special soccer qualities to Parkhead and the "new" Celtic was taking shape, the links with the past broken.

There were shocks in store for some players when McNeill arrived. He spent £125,000 to sign Davie Provan from Kilmarnock, paid out £100,000 to Dumbarton for Murdo MacLeod; sold Ronnie Glavin to Barnsley, freed Alfie Conn and converted Tom McAdam from reasonable striker to outstanding centre-back.

The transformation was complete when, in a rousing Old Firm clash at Parkhead, Celtic beat Rangers 4-2 and won the Championship in McNeill's first year in charge.

A year later Celtic lost their title by one point to Aberdeen, but they won the Scottish Cup.

For the past two years the Pre-

mier Division Championship has been the property of Celtic and, until a 3-1 home defeat by Aberdeen on February 12th, they had sat on top of the League for 29 successive months!

Will Celtic complete a magnificent hat-trick of Championship victories? McNeill says: "Aberdeen did their job against us when they played at Parkhead. It's now up to us to do our job. And do it properly."

With McNeill in charge it's difficult to believe Celtic will be far away at the end of the season.

This is very much McNeill's team. Just look at the changes he has made since August '78. He has introduced Pat Bonner, Mark Reid, Jim McNally, Jim Dobbin, Davie Moyes, Danny Crainie, John Buckley, Paul and his brother Willie McStay, and Charlie Nicholas from the reserves.

As well as his miserly outlay of £225,000 for Provan and MacLeod, McNeill has spent £275,000 in signing the highly-popular Frank McGarvey from Liverpool, £60,000 for the versatile Graeme Sinclair from Dumbarton and £40,000 for Willie Garner from Aberdeen. Garner is now player/manager with Alloa.

That totals £600,000, spread over five years. And in that time McNeill has brought in fees for Johannes Edvaldsson, Andy Lynch, Ronnie Glavin, Alan Sneddon, Mike Conroy, Jim Casey, Roy Baines and Roddie MacDonald.

So just how good is this present Celtic line-up? McNeill, as ambitious as ever, says: "Europe is the place to look for your answers. It's good doing your stuff on the domestic scene, but a club of Celtic's stature and appeal must also do it in Europe."

## 'In Europe, every mistake is punished'

"When we knocked out Ajax in the European Cup this season I thought we were on our way. But things went terribly wrong against Spain's Real Sociedad in the next round when we went out on a 3-2 aggregate."

"But you have to learn in that arena. Every mistake is punished and that result will undoubtedly make some of my younger players more mature, more professional, more aware."

Can Celtic again conquer Europe? As McNeill quite rightly points out, that's the place to really make your name.

He became the first-ever Scot to get his hands on the European Cup when he lifted it aloft after the 2-1 triumph over Inter-Milan in Lisbon on May 25, 1967.

That team of '67 is still the yardstick, whose unique achievement is the target to be beaten by the current side. A grand slam of wins in every competition entered: the European Cup, the Championship, Scottish Cup and League Cup and the Dryborough Cup.

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Frank McGarvey, one of McNeill's shrewdest purchases.



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**MIKE** Lyons refuses to hide from the importance of ending Sheffield Wednesday's frustrating exile from the First Division.

His fierce professional pride is unaffected by the emotional upheaval of leaving Everton, and he insists: "If we don't go up this season I will consider myself a failure."

Such a critical self-analysis would make a mockery of the impact he has already made at Hillsborough. But it confirms that Lyons is a source of the experience and determination which will be vital in the attempt to overhaul the pacemaking trio of Wolves, QPR and Fulham.

There is no doubt that the vastly experienced central defender misses the adrenalin surge of the big occasions he became used to during 14 years at Goodison Park.

Some suspected he would suffer from a sense of anti-climax. But such fears have been dismissed by the steel city's yearning for soccer success

"There is unbelievable potential at Wednesday," says Lyons. "The city buzzes with excitement whenever we do well, and the feeling people have for the game reminds me of Merseyside"

"Obviously it was a tremendous wrench to leave Everton. But I could not escape the conclusion that my time there was up — and I could not have chosen a better club to join.

## 'Fantastic'

"The facilities are First Division, the attitudes are first class and the fans are fantastic. They help the team enormously with their support. I couldn't believe the turn-out for our F.A. CUP Quarter-Final replay against Burnley. Now we're only one match from Wembley."

Wednesday's progress in Cup competitions, encouraging evidence of their development, has provided Lyons with a tantalising reminder of the big time.

He admits "Our League Cup Quarter-Final at Arsenal really brought home to me how much I miss the First Division. It was a completely different type of game to the ones I have been getting used to

"First Division sides treat you with more respect. But you have to think more, and concentrate more intensely. It was all a great contrast to the Second Division, where everything is knocked and chased"

Promotion provides a cherished escape route from such hurly-burly, and Lyons is convinced that Wednesday have cured the irritating inconsistency which threatened such a prize.

"We are just getting the balance right," he stressed. "Our season has contained two separate phases.

## 'Mistakes'

"We began very well, scoring a lot of goals but giving the odd silly goal away. Then, suddenly, the situation was reversed. The goal supply dried up, and we were making mistakes at the back.

"It all made for a worrying, frustrating run. But Pat Heard's arrival gave us a midfield player with defensive qualities and the attacking principles we have drummed into us began to pay off. We are back on an even keel."

Even so, the smart money is on Wednesday enduring another inquest into unfulfilled hopes.

Lyons acknowledges the sound business sense behind the short odds on the runaway trio staying the course, but counters: "There is still a long way to go

"Wolves, Rangers and Fulham are due a bad run and are not quite as secure as the League table may suggest. The three points for a win system ensures that things can change very quickly.

"We have to have the right attitude, and commit ourselves to trying to win every remaining game. If we don't throw points away anything is possible.

"I'm not saying it will be easy, but you learn to be positive in football. I'm optimistic we will go up — and that will be very important to me."

# Megson's warning



**DON** Megson has a warning for ambitious young managers — beware the dollar trap.

It's taken Megson two years of anxious job-hunting to get back into English football since he left a highly-paid post as boss of Portland Timbers — and he admits: "I thought I wouldn't get a management job again."

Megson spent three years in the United States after he resigned from his job as Bristol Rovers manager in 1977. But although he says the experience has made him a better manager, when he got back to Britain he was in for a shock.

"People thought I had been out of the game," he recalls. "It amazed me because I was often coming back to England on scouting trips for Portland, but that made little difference.

"I had been forgotten — and suddenly found myself looking for work at a time when the number of jobs available were fewer — and the number of high quality candidates greater than ever."

## Luck

Megson had just begun to settle for watching his son Gary star for Sheffield Wednesday when he had a stroke of luck that brought him back into soccer as the new boss of Third Division Bournemouth

Brian Tiler, the former Aston Villa player and a close friend from the States, was approached to represent the business syndicate which took over the South Coast club — and Tiler recommended Megson as the new manager

"I knew I wouldn't work in England without a piece of luck like that — but I decided to be patient and wait for it to come.

"I had other offers to go abroad again but I turned them down because I knew people would forget me once again.

"The English League is the best in the world, and management here is more demanding than anywhere else. If you're ambitious to get on in England I realise now you've got to concentrate 100 per cent on that target."



**A** FOOTBALL League tribunal recently fixed the first-ever transfer fee for a manager. Derby County had to pay Bradford City £55,000 for Roy McFarland, even though the Third Division club were claiming £200,000. The tribunal said that the figure they decided on was not a yardstick for any future cases; nor did it set a precedent. But why shouldn't managers have a transfer value? After all, they're the people who bring success to clubs. With apologies to the League tribunal we've taken McFarland's valuation of £55,000 as a yardstick for a valuation of the First Division managers. We took into account age, previous record and their ability to bring success to a club while balancing the books. And in our view...

#### BRIAN CLOUGH £250,000

CLOUGH has been successful with each of his clubs except Leeds United, who sacked him after 44 days — and look where they are now. He even made people talk about Hartlepool before taking Derby County to the top with an exciting side that cost relatively little to put together. Clough had a short spell with Brighton, but it's at Forest he's really hit the headlines, taking them from Division Two to two successful European Cup Finals.

#### GRAHAM TAYLOR £225,000

If you were a betting man and could get odds for the Watford boss managing England in the 1990's take them. He's already working with the England Youth side and despite criticism of his team's style Taylor is an outstanding coach and manager. It's been success all the way since he led Lincoln to the Fourth Division title in 1976. The following year he took over at Watford and he's taken them to the very top.

#### RON ATKINSON £200,000

SOME might say that's the value of Atkinson's jewellery! As he completes two years as general of Manchester United, Atkinson is set to land the trophy Old Trafford fans have been demanding. Atkinson has spent to bring success to United. But the man, like his team, has style

#### DAVE SEXTON £190,000

NICE guy Dave has had a few kicks in the teeth during his

football — and he's been successful, proving nice guys can finish first.

#### DAVID PLEAT £150,000

THE Luton manager could always become an after dinner speaker if he quit soccer — Pleat's patter is certainly better than many TV comedians! Pleat has made Luton into one of the most attractive teams in the Division on a shoestring budget and if they're finding life at the top a little difficult... Pleat refuses to sacrifice his principles. We wonder what the Luton boss could do at a bigger club with more money available.

#### TONY BARTON £150,000

N O longer is he Tony who? Barton has just completed one year as manager of Aston Villa, having led them to the European Cup and Super Cup during that period. Barton was rarely known outside of the club while he

played some excellent football home and away this season. If he can pull off a few more transfers like Mark Chamberlain, Barker will have other managers trailing his every move.

#### RON SAUNDERS £130,000

HE seemed to be at Wembley every year as manager of Norwich, Manchester City and Aston Villa — he also took Villa to the Championship. If he can do the same with Birmingham City it will, in many ways, be an even greater achievement. Doesn't suffer fools gladly and his pre-season training sessions would make even Superman tired. If he had a little bit more charisma he'd be further up the table.

#### TERRY NEILL £125,000

HE completes seven years as Arsenal manager this summer after serving them so well as a player. Neill gets on with his job in

# CLOUGH

career. He isn't bitter and he's proving what a shrewd manager he is once again with Coventry City. Sexton led Chelsea and Manchester United to Europe before parting company — his QPR team of the mid-70's was one of the best teams never to win the Championship. A quiet man, never at ease on TV... but there are few better coaches around.

#### LAWRIE McMENEMY £180,000

WE raise a glass of non-alcoholic lager to Big Mac. During his ten years at Southampton, Saints have rarely been out of the headlines. They won the F.A. Cup in 1976 and since promotion to Division One in 1978 have invariably been in the running for a UEFA Cup place. McMenemy has brought a string of household names to the South Coast and his affection for the club and the people of Hampshire have forced him to turn down jobs with bigger outfits.

#### KEITH BURKINSHAW £175,000

THE Tottenham board didn't panic when Spurs were relegated six years ago. Their faith has been rewarded with two successive F.A. Cup victories and at one time arguably the most exciting team in the League. Burkinshaw is one of the most honest and likeable managers in

worked under Ron Saunders, although he has now proved himself as a manager in his own right.

#### RICHIE BARKER £140,000

S TILL a relative newcomer to the First Division managerial stakes, Barker has done well in his two years at Stoke City, who have



Arsenal boss Terry Neill with his latest signing, Vladimir Petrovic



his own, unfussy way, not getting over-excited when Arsenal win Cups or too unhappy when things go wrong. Neill has refused to put The Gunners deep into the red, yet they've still been successful.

**BOB PAISLEY**  
£120,000

**N**OW over 60, Bob is retiring at the end of the season after becoming the most successful



post-War manager in English football. Perhaps the other 21 First Division teams will have a chance next season, although whoever succeeds Paisley will surely keep Liverpool at the top. It's really impossible to value Bob, but in transfer jargon he could only be a short term buy at his age

**JOHN LYALL**  
£115,000

**L**YALL has added steel to The Hammers, but West Ham are still a joy to watch while harder to beat than they were under Ron Greenwood. He's spent wisely and prefers to let his team do his talking. Somehow it's difficult to imagine Lyall managing any other club than West Ham, who he joined as a professional in 1957.

**JOHN TOSHACK**  
£110,000

**A**T one stage Tosh seemed odds-on to succeed Bob



West Ham's John Lyall.

instilled by Brown has won The Canaries promotion and has taken them to the Quarter-Finals of the F.A. Cup. A lot of people in football would be happy if the ever-smiling Brown managed to keep City in the First Division

**HOWARD KENDALL**  
£100,000

**E**VERTON boss Kendall has spent heavily, but not always well, since becoming manager of the club he helped win the title 13 years ago. Of course his biggest problem is Liverpool, but at last Kendall seems to be winning his battle.

**ALAN DURBAN**  
£90,000

**H**E took Stoke back to the First Division in 1980, but their defensive way of play won few fans. Durban's quote: "If you want entertainment go and see

# Soccer's most valuable boss!

Paisley at Liverpool, but the Swansea City boss has enough on his plate saving the Welsh club from relegation. Toshack has spent a small fortune taking The Swans from Division Four to the top of the First Division. He's finding out that staying in the top flight can be harder than getting there.

**JIMMY SIRREL**  
£110,000

**I**T's a small miracle Notts County remain in the First Division on such small gates. Not only do they survive, they also play some excellent football. Sirrel's weakness is his sense of public relations — no First Division club needs 'selling' more than County.

**RON WYLIE**  
£105,000

**H**E's done well in his first season as manager of West Brom. The emphasis is on attack once again after the somewhat dour era of Ronnie Allen. There's a frustrating inconsistency about Albion, yet the way Wylie's worked so far promises well for the future.

**KEN BROWN**  
£100,000

**N**ORWICH City may be short on big name stars, but the organisation and team-spirit

clowns," has never been forgotten. Sunderland fans won't care how he keeps their team in the First Division . . . as long as they survive.

**BOBBY FERGUSON**  
£90,000

**F**ERGIE's had an uphill struggle since taking over from Bobby Robson and in many ways Ipswich's season died when they lost to Norwich in the Fifth Round of the F.A. Cup. There have been stories of unrest behind the scenes and Ferguson is finding it can be tough at the top.

**JIMMY MELIA**  
£70,000

**B**RIGHTON's sensational F.A. Cup victory at Anfield certainly put a few pounds on the former Anfield player's valuation! It has also helped him secure the Brighton job on a permanent basis. Without a contract, his future probably depends on whether Brighton survive in the First Division and in their position Melia would have swapped points for Cup glory.

**JOHN BENSON**

**B**ENSON has been manager of Manchester City just a few weeks since John Bond's shock departure and cannot be valued yet.



Much as Norwich would love to see the lad rewarded for some outstanding displays with them, they

"Norwich showed a lot of faith

Watson responded superbly, taking the extra responsibility in his stride and proving he has a mature head on his young shoulders. He leads by example, for his displays are an inspiration to everyone.

"That was proved earlier in the season when he was missing through injury. We fell apart in his absence and took some heavy beatings.

The man they were after was

**Norwich boss Ken Brown could be ruined by an England call-up for Watson.**

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## MONEY MAD!

**FORMER** Argentina manager Cesar Luis Menotti's formal appointment as manager of Barcelona surprised no one in Spain, although it's difficult not to sympathise with their West German manager Udo Lattek, who was ousted without any airs and graces.

There was little justification for sacking Lattek, other than because Menotti was available. His dismissal means that the Catalan club has had to pay Lattek his full salary for the season — £120,000 plus bonuses. For just over 18 months' work he received almost £400,000.

Menotti will do even better. The contract he's signed with Barcelona is valid until the end of next season and guarantees him £450,000 for 16 months' work.

Menotti will link up again with Diego Maradona, whose agent Jorge Cyterszpiller seems to have his priorities in life firmly traced out.

"My main ambition," he says, "is to ensure Diego retires from football with £35 million in his bank account."

Incidentally, Maradona is back at Argentinos Juniors.

**LET** you didn't know that Lady Di is a season-ticket holder at Spanish Third Division club Deportivo?

Not that the Princess of Wales gives Prince Charles the slip every weekend and does a moonlight to the grimy suburbs of Bilbao.

This Lady Di is in fact a dog. Her owner was angry that she was prohibited from entering the ground, so Lady Di is now a fully-paid season-ticket holder with her own seat and her own supporters' club identity card, complete with photograph.

## ROW LEADS TO GOALS

**ONE** unexpected name among Europe's leading goalscorers this season is Merry Abdelkrim, alias Krimau.

The 28-year-old Moroccan has amazed all, and sundry by shooting his way to the top of the French scoring charts.

The odd thing is that Krimau started the season in midfield at Metz, but in October he was so incensed by the team's poor performance in a League match against Nancy that in the dressing-room at half-time he shouted to his astonished manager that he was going to play up front in the second-half.

Since then he's been averaging a goal a game and, just for the record, he isn't the Metz penalty taker.

It's not because Barcelona have fallen behind with their payments on Diego's eight-million dollar transfer — it's Diego's 13-year-old younger brother Hugo, representing Argentinos in the Latin American Youth Championship.

The critics vary wildly in their judgments of 'Turco' Maradona — some say he's a right-footed version of Diego, while others describe him as fat, slow and not fit to lace his brother's boots!



## ALL BLACKS TOPS

**THE** All Whites (New Zealand's soccer team) recently played a charity contest for U.N.I.C.E.F. against the All Blacks (the Kiwis' Rugby Union side) and lost.

The four-way competition consisted of touch Rugby (All Blacks 30-6), soccer (All Whites 6-1), Rugby goalkicking (4-4) and soccer penalty kicks (All Blacks 4-3!).

The photo shows New Zealand World Cup star Bobby Almond leaving the All Blacks' defence stranded during the Rugby match. This was Almond's last appearance for his country — the penultimate appearance was in Spain against Brazil... a classic case of from the sublime to the ridiculous!

**LIVERPOOL** will meet Hamburger SV on August 5th in the opening game of the annual soccer tournament in Rotterdam. The other two teams in the competition are Feyenoord and Standard Liege.

## TV HELPS TO FIND HOULIGANS

**AFTER** the Juventus-Fiorentina game a 32-year-old lorry driver, Fulvio La Porta, was badly injured by hooligans.

His case is unique for two reasons. First, the Juventus chairman, Giampiero Boniperti visited him in hospital and gave him a cheque to cover his loss of earnings (£1,000 a Juve badge made of solid gold, and a personal invitation, all expenses paid, to the European Cup Final in Athens... if Juventus get there).

In addition, the incident in which he was injured was filmed by security on closed circuit TV and in a bid to trace his assailant, the film clip is being shown daily on television in the Turin area.



## France ski high

**FRANCE** are so happy about the way things went for them in last year's World Cup Finals that they've already arranged to repeat their preparation programme in a bid to win next year's European Championship on their own soil.

As in 1981, they will spend this Christmas and New Year in a ski resort in the Pyrenees.

And they'll go back there as soon as the French season finishes on May 12th, 1984.

## PELE GOES

**ROARING** inflation and their club's inability to pay more have meant that Nigeria has lost 12 of its current international squad this year.

They are all amateurs and can thus move freely.

The latest Nigerian stars to flee the country have been goalkeeper Joe Carr and Pele, who both joined clubs in Qatar.

Pele, is not of course, the Pele, but 18-year-old Abadi Pele.



**FORMER** Dutch international Willem van Hanegem (dark shirt) will have a testimonial in the Feyenoord stadium on June 4th between the home side and the 1974 World Cup team, Cruyff, Neeskens and all.

## Popular Giresse



**BORDEAUX'S** World Cup star Alan

Giresse has been receiving about 50 letters a day from grateful local fans after he had signed a new three-year contract with the club.

Giresse has been with Bordeaux throughout his career and, as he'll be 33 when the contract expires, it looks as though he'll hang up his boots at the club he joined as an 11-year-old.

## SCOTS BONUS

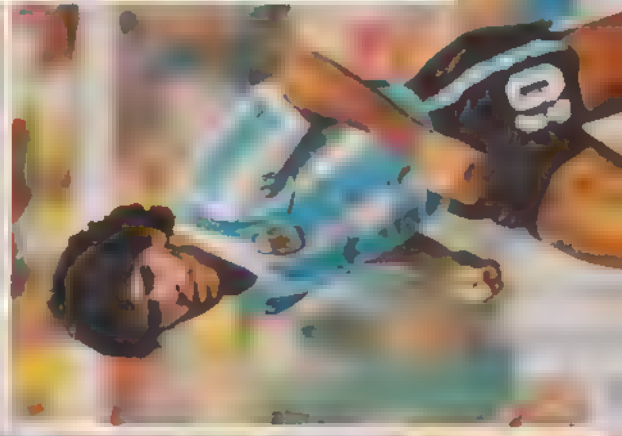
**THE** excellent European campaigns of Aberdeen and Dundee ended this season have brought an important benefit to Scottish soccer.

The points they've totted up this term have lifted Scotland nine places in the UEFA ratings and this means that Scotland will be able to field three teams instead of two in the UEFA Cup in the 1984/85 season.



# ZICO

King  
of the  
Americas







Zico's third success... he won it in 1977 and 1981... equals the achievement of Chilean defender Elias Figueroa, whose leadership as national captain and skilful defensive style elevated him to the level of a superstar.

Figueroa won a hat-trick of awards between 1974 and 1978 but then it became the property of the Argentinian stars with Kempes winner in 1978, hardly surprising after his part in their World Cup triumph, and Maradona in 1979 and 1980.

The great Pale won it once, back in 1973, while Teofilo Cubillas of Peru is the only player to beat the Chile-Brazil-Argentina monopoly.

Zico's overall play in the 1982 World Cup and his goals against Scotland, New Zealand and Argentina, earned him rave reviews and established the player as a world-class star.

Even the disappointment of losing 3-2 to Italy in their Group C clash did not detract from Zico's play.

Final six placings: Zico, 78 points; Falcao, 46; Maradona 31; Morera, 26; Junior, 18; Socrates 12.

**ZICO, the brilliant Brazilian international forward, has been named Best Footballer of the Americas for the third time.**

The Flamengo player, so often described as 'the New Pelé', swept to a convincing victory over Brazil team-mate Falcao, now playing in the Italian League with Fiorentina.

And Diego Maradona, not long ago being hailed as the best footballer in the world, finished third, no fewer than 47 points behind Zico.

The award is made annually and is based on an identical system to that originated by France Football Magazine for the European Footballer of the Year.

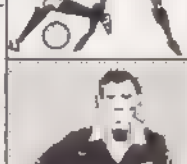
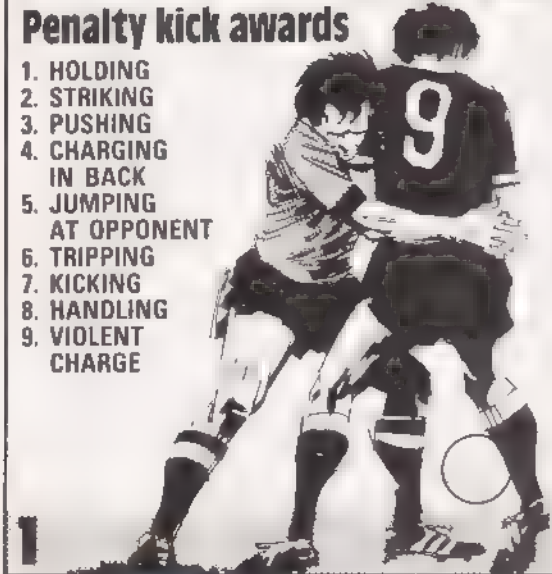
South American journalists cast their votes through El Mundo of Caracas, a daily publication in Venezuela, and the award is new in its 12th year.



# WHISTLE STOP SPECIAL

## Penalty kick awards

1. HOLDING
2. STRIKING
3. PUSHING
4. CHARGING IN BACK
5. JUMPING AT OPPONENT
6. TRIPPING
7. KICKING
8. HANDLING
9. VIOLENT CHARGE



*Compiled by Keith Hackett, who takes charge of the F.A. Cup Semi-Final tie between Arsenal and Manchester United at Villa Park, on April 16.*



**A**WARDING a penalty-kick is one of the most important decisions I have to make.

It is vital therefore that I put into a game the physical effort to ensure I am in a good position to spot any one of the nine offences for which a penalty can be awarded.

A situation could arise when you are caught out of position and unable to judge whether the offence took place inside or outside the penalty-area. This is where your linesmen become so important.

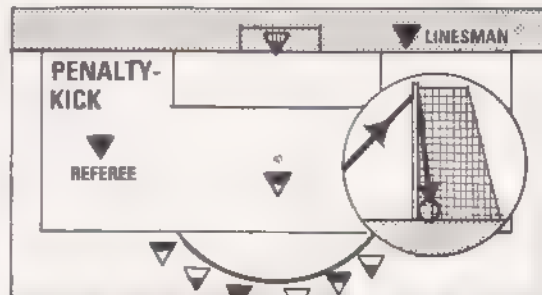
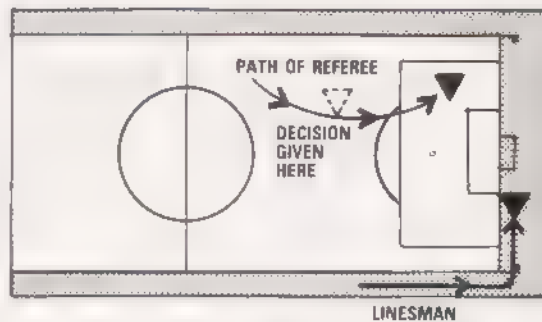
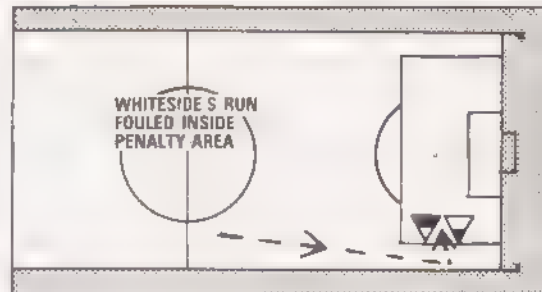
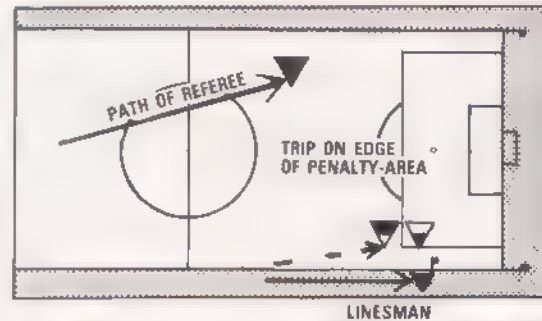
I always cover this point with my two officials before a game.

If the offence occurs inside the area they will first of all raise their flag and then hold it horizontally across their chest.

This tells me a penalty-kick should be awarded.

In a First Division game between Manchester United and Nottingham Forest, United's Norman Whiteside was tripped on the edge of the penalty-area.

I was in a good position to spot the offence and at the same time my linesman confirmed that the offence had taken place inside the area.



## Dissent

One of the things you can expect when giving a penalty is dissent from the defending players. To their credit, though, Forest did not argue. They set a good example to anyone watching.

The next task is to supervise the taking of the penalty-kick.

The defenders and attackers, other than the player taking the kick and the goalkeeper, must stand outside the penalty-area. The 'keeper must have both feet on the goal-line and must not move until the ball is kicked.

You will see I have positioned a linesman on the goal-line some six yards from the goalpost. He is there to indicate to me whether or not a goal has been scored.

There is always the chance of the ball hitting the crossbar and bouncing down on to the goal-line.

I then have to supervise the taking of the penalty-kick. I have mentioned the goalkeeper. The kicker must play the ball forward. He cannot play it a second time until it is touched by another player.

Finally, whatever the outcome of the kick, you must maintain maximum concentration to ensure that no other problems occur either during or after the kick. And watch out for the goalkeeper moving his feet.



Joe Gallagher denies accusations that he's become a football 'bad boy' following his unsentimental spell with Wolves.

Gallagher, who left Rotherham to spend a three-month spell on West Ham, is puzzled how and where he picked up the bad lad tag, which has followed him from the Midlands to London.

He says: "I've been in the game for 11 years and I've never been a bad boy. I've always been a professional footballer. It's up to them to say so."

Frankly, I don't have any fears on that score because I know it's not true. It never has been and it never will be.

That's the big central defender's answer to growing criticisms which have dogged his last, unsettled year in the game. Gallagher left

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# ANGRY JOE BITES BACK



# THE DONS NO APRIL FOOLS

**W**IMBLEDON take on Swindon Town at Plough Lane this Friday (April 1st), but you can be sure there will be no April fooling from The Dons as they go in search of another three points to take them closer to their third promotion in five years from Division Four.

"We've really got the bit between our teeth at the moment," says manager Dave Bassett (below).

"In 1979 we went up in joint second place. In '81 we were promoted after finishing fourth. But this time around we want to make it in style — as Champions. And I



believe I've got the players capable of achieving that.

"After an indifferent spell around mid-season, when we rocked just a little, the lads have picked themselves up and really put together a useful string of results. Now, with the finish line in sight, they're giving it all they've got."

Bassett, who played for the club during their Southern League days and is still registered as a player, believes that this time he's got the players capable of keeping the club in Division Three when they get there.

"The first time we went up it was very much on a wing and a prayer," he says. "We were still being carried along on the sheer enthusiasm of our election to the Football League. But when we arrived in the Third, we suddenly realised we just weren't good enough to survive."

"Last season I felt the players were good enough, and we would have survived, if only we hadn't been devastated by injuries."

Bassett doesn't believe there has been a particularly outstanding side in the Fourth Division this season. "But the general standard has been pretty high," he points out.

"Hull and Port Vale look like being the main stumbling blocks to our aim of finishing as Champions. And like us, I feel both clubs are more than capable of holding their own in Division Three next term."

"Port Vale's visit to Plough Lane later in April could have a significant bearing on the final placings. I don't want to look too far ahead though. Taking one game at a time suits me — and three points against Swindon is the number one aim right now."



**M**OST of the pros who have rubbed shoulders with England goalkeeper Peter Shilton describe him as the hardest-working professional footballer they have come across.

Therefore, it might not come as too much of a surprise to his former Leicester, Stoke and Nottingham Forest colleagues to learn that Shilton, who has spent more than 15 years at the top and is now 32, is putting as much into his game as ever, if not more.

"One of the main reasons why my move to Southampton has been good for me," Shilton says, "is that I've had people to push me, as opposed to having to push myself."

"I have always been a bit of a loner, and at the clubs I was with previously, the managers and coaches generally left me alone in training, allowing me to decide what I should do. That's what I

wanted, but over a long period of time, it does become more and more difficult to keep motivating yourself.

"The big difference at Southampton is that my training is supervised, there are four or five coaches here and each day I have one of them working with me. I still do all the things I want to do, but I've also got to do what he wants.

"It makes a nice change not to be working only with goalkeepers and, indeed, not to be involved in coaching them.

"One of the problems of training just with 'keepers is that you get used to each other after a while and, not being the most accomplished of players in terms of outfield skills, there comes a time when you can't provide each other with the right quality of practice

*Even though he is now established himself as one of the world's top keepers Peter Shilton would never dream of letting up on his punishing training routine*



"I didn't mind helping to coach the other goalkeepers at previous clubs, far from it. But I did find that my own work was suffering to some extent."

Shilton says that an hour and a half training session takes so much out of him that when it's over, he has little energy left to do anything else.

"My attitude in training is the same as it is when I'm taking part in a match," he explains.

"I concentrate 100 per cent on doing everything right, and there's no way I would ever just go through the motions.

"You'll see some players — youngsters especially — who'll be

working exceptionally hard on something in training and then, if the coach with them becomes occupied with something else, they'll switch off a bit and start doing fancy tricks with the ball, that sort of thing. But the way I look at it is that this can easily become a habit, and happen in a match!

"If there's one man who can least afford to lose concentration in a game, it's the goalkeeper."

Shilton provides an intriguing insight into how he builds up for matches when he says: "At this stage of my career my preparations are more mental than physical.

# SHILTON'S BIG PUSH

"Basically, it's a question of getting into what I call 'the groove'."

"Not long ago, Bob Wilson supervised an England goalkeepers' training session, and one of the things he did was an exercise designed to strike the right balance between being too confident or casual when dealing with shots and headers etc., and too tense.

"But I'm trying to do that all the time... trying to get myself into that 'groove'."

"Earlier in my career, I used to think about my performances for hours. I badly wanted to analyse where I'd gone wrong and to improve. It's a lot different now. I've not stopped learning, obviously, but in all honesty, things come to me much more quickly."

Since joining Southampton last summer, Shilton says that he has been happier and more contented than for a long while.

"I couldn't think of anywhere better to live and work," he enthuses. "Southampton is within easy reach of places like Bournemouth and Southsea — not to mention Bigbury, in Devon, where we have a small cottage — and it's the sort of area where I can get lost in the crowd more than when I was at my other clubs."







# LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCORERS...

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WREXHAM (0) 0	4 811
PLYMOUTH (0) 2 (Phillips, Rogers)	
CHESTERFIELD (0) 0	4,466
PRESTON 0	
PORTSMOUTH 0	5,610
SHEFFIELD UTD (2) 3 (Edwards 2, Brazil)	
EXETER (0) 0	9,703
WALSALL (2) 4 (Kearns, Summerfield Lovel, (og), O Kelly)	
MILLWALL (0) 0	2 779
WIGAN (0) 2 (Butler O'Keefe pen)	
READING (1) 2 (Doherty, Barnes)	3,042

### Fourth Division

ALDRSHOT (0) 0	
HARTLEPOOL (1) 2 (Staff Robinson)	1 439
BURY (1) 3 (Gore pen, Jakub, Madden)	
DARLINGTON (0) 0	1 926
CHESTER (0) 1 (Simpson)	
COLCHESTER (0) 1 (Adcock)	1 136
HEREFORD 0	
BLACKPOOL 0	1 755
MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Dungworth pen)	
SWINDON (0) 0	2 101
NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Gage)	
HULL (0) 2 (Askew, Founders)	2 879
PORT VALE (0) 1 (Tartt)	
CREWE (1) 1 (Waller)	8 241
TORQUAY (1) 2 (Carter, Cooper)	
PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Young (og))	1 537
TRANMERE (0) 0	
SCUNTHORPE (2) 4 (Leman, Cammack 2 Parkinson)	1,842
WIMBLEDON (2) 2 (Newman (og), Leslie)	
BRISTOL CITY (0) 1 (Kelly)	2 541
YORK (0) 3 (Ford Polard 2 (1 pen))	
STOCKPORT (1) 1 (Power)	2,883

### Scottish Premier

DUNDEE (1) 2 (Sergeant, Kidd)	
ST MIRREN (3) 5 (Scanlon 2, Fitzpatrick, Wardrobe, Logan)	4,161
Dundee Kelly, McGeechie, McKimma, Fraser Smith MacDonald, Ferguson (Graham), Sonmegeour, Bell Mackie Kidd	
St Mirren: Thomas, Wilson, Clarke, Fitzpatrick, Fulton McCormack Wardrobe (Logan), Richardson, Semner McAvennis Scanlon	
KILMARNOCK (0) 1 (Galeagher)	
ABERDEEN (2) 2 (Watson, McGhee)	2,400
Kilmarnock McCulloch, McClurg, Cockburn, J Clark McDicken, R. Clark, McGivern (Muir) MacLeod McLean Bourke Simpson, Gallagher	

Aberdeen, Leighton, Kennedy, Rougev (McMaster) Cooper McLeish, Miller Strachan Simpson, McGhee, Watson Black

MORTON (0) 0	
CELTIC (2) 3 (Sullivan, MacLeod, McCloskey)	8 500
Morton Barnes Hayes Holmes, Roney, McLaughlin, Deak Payne, McNeil, Hutchison (Houston), Docherty, McNab (Gavigan)	
Celtic: Bonner, McGrain, Sinclair, Aitken, McAdam, Sullivan, McCloskey, McStay, MacLeod, Nicholas, McGarvey	

MOTHERWELL (1) 1 (Gahagan)	
DUNDEE UTD (2) 4 (Gough 2 Dodds, Milne)	3 589
Motherwell Walker, Dorman, Macleod, Forbes, Edvardsson, Mauchlen, Gahagan, Rafferty, Harrow, McClair, O'Hara	
Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Stark, Murray, Gough, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Milne, Kirkwood (Malpas), Holt Dodds	

RANGERS (0) 1 (Daiziel)	
HBS (0) 1 (Jamieson)	10,975
Rangers: McCloy, McKinnon, Black (Davies), McClelland, McPherson, Bett, Daiziel, Pryz, Kennedy, Redford, Johnstone (Cooper)	
Hbs: Rough, Sneddon, Turnbull, Jamieson, Rae, McNamara, Conroy, Rice (McKee), Irvine, Thomson, Harvey, Duncan	

### Scottish First

ALLOA (2) 3 (McComb 2, Grant)	
QUEEN'S PARK (1) 1 (Nicolson)	626
AYR (0) 1 (Ahern)	
CLYDEBANK (0) 0	778
CLYDE (0) 1 (Dempsey)	
DUMBARTON (0) 0	480
DUNFERMLINE (0) 0	
PARTRICK (2) 3 (Watson, Doyle 2)	1 480
HAMILTON (0) 0	
AIRDRIE (2) 3 (Jarvis, M'lar 2)	1 000
HEARTS (1) 1 (O'Connor)	
FALKIRK (0) 2 (McCuiley, Mackin)	5,500
ST JOHNSTONE (0) 1 (Brogan)	
RAITH (0) 0	2 174

### Scottish Second

ALBION (1) 1 (Woods)	
STRANRAER (1) 2 (Hay pen, Sweeney)	130
ARBROATH (0) 1 (Shaw)	
STIRLING (0) 0	454
BRECHIN (0) 3 (Simpson, Hay, Maione)	
MONTROSE (0) 1 (Duffy)	500
EAST FIFE (0) 0	
COWDENBEATH (1) 2 (Macintosh, Gibson)	812
EAST STIRLING (0) 0	
FORFAR (1) 1 (McDonald)	250

Kilmarnock's Stuart McLean stops Andy Watson of Aberdeen

MEADOWBANK (0) 1 (Smith)	
QoS (0) 2 (Alexander, Robertson)	400
STENHOUSEMUR (0) 0	
BERWICK (0) 1 (Pearson)	220

## Tuesday, March 8

### First Division

ASTON VILLA (1) 2 (Withe, Shaw)	
NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0	17,452
Aston Villa: Spink, Deacy, Gibson, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer (Blair), Bremner, Shaw, Withe, Cowens, Walters	
Notts Co: Leonard, Goodwin (Christie), Worthington, Hunt, Kicing, Richards, Chiedzie, Fashanu, McCulloch, O'Brien, Hooks	

### Second Division

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 2 (Kennedy, Hankin)	
SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (MacLaren)	7,406
Middlesbrough: O'Hanlon, Nattress, Wood, Baxter, Mowbray, Otto, Sugrue, Kennedy, Hankin, Shea, a	
Shrewsbury: Ogrunc, Williams, Johnson, Turner, Pearson, Bates, Potts (Leonard), MacLaren, Brown, Robinson, Stevens	

## Wednesday, March 9

### Scottish First

CLYDE (0) 1 (Nevin)	
DUNFERMLINE (0) 0	576

### Scottish Second

BRECHIN (1) 2 (Busby, McCann)	
QoS (1) 3 (Campbell, Fleming, Alexander)	850
COWDENBEATH (0) 1 (Macintosh)	
ALBION (1) 1 (Gray)	450
EAST FIFE (0) 0	
FORFAR (1) 2 (MacDonald, Bennett)	300
STENHOUSEMUR 0	
STIRLING 0	370

## Friday, March 11

### Third Division

BRENTFORD (0) 2 (Joseph, Kamara)	
PLYMOUTH (0) 0	4 967

### Fourth Division

CREWE (0) 1 (Waller)	
HALIFAX (0) 1 (Stanforth)	2,518
STOCKPORT (0) 1 (Coyle)	
WIMBLEDON (2) 3 (Morris, Hodges, Belfield)	2 260

## Saturday, March 12

### F.A. Cup

(Quarter-Finals)

ARSENAL (2) 2 (Woodcock, Petrovic)	
ASTON VILLA (0) 0	41,774
Arsenal: Jennings, Hollins, Sansom, Robson, Whyte, Nicholas, Petrovic, Davis, Sunderland, Woodcock, Rex	
Aston Villa: Spink, Deacy (Walters), Gibson, Evans, Williams, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw, Withe, Cowens, Morley	
BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Case)	
NORWICH (0) 0	28,800
Brighton: Moseley, Ramsey, Gelling, Greatish, Foster, Stevens, Case, Ritchie, Robinson, Ryan, Smilie	
Norwich: Woods, Maycock, Downs, Mendham, Symonds, Watson, Barham, Bennett, Deehan, Bert, schin, Van Wyk (McGure)	
BURNLEY (0) 1 (Cassidy)	
SHEFFIELD WED (1) 1 (Bannister)	24,000
Burnley: Stevenson, Laws, Donachie, Phean, Dobson, Flynn, Cassidy, Stevens, Hamilton, Taylor, Young (Donovan)	
Sheff Wed: Bolder, Stierland, Bailey, Smith, Lyons, Shelton, Magson, Mills, Bannister (Pearson), McCulloch, Heard	
MANCHESTER UTD (0) 1 (Stapleton)	
EVERTON (0) 0	58,192
Man. Utd: Bailey, Ouxbury (Macani), Albiston, Moses, Moran, McQueen, Wilkins, Muhran, Stapleton, Whiteside, Coppell	

Everton: Arnold, Stevens, Bailey, Ratcliffe, Higgins, Richardson, Irvine, McMahon, Sharp, Heath, Sheedy

### First Division

COVENTRY (1) 1 (Hunt pen)	
TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (M'eri)	11 004
Coventry: Sealey, Thomas, Roberts, Butterworth, Dyson, Gillespie, Thompson, Francis, Hately, Meirase, Hunt	
Tottenham: Clemence, Hughton, O'Reilly, Roberts, Millar, Parryman, Galvin, Mabbitt, Gibson, Falco, Crook (Webster)	

LIVERPOOL (0) 3 (Pike (og), Lee, Rush)	
WEST HAM (0) 0	28,511
Liverpool: Grobbelaar, Neal, Kennedy, Lawrenson, Whelan, Hansen, Daigh, Lee, Rush, Johnston, Sou	
West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshira, Van der Elst, Morgan, Goddard, Allen, Pike	

NOTTM. FOREST (0) 0	
LUTON (1) 1 (Hill)	14,387
Nottm Forest: Sutton, Anderson, Swain, Todd, Young, Bowyer, Wilson, Wallace, Biles, Hodge, Walsh (Davenport)	
Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Elliott, Norton, Goodyear, Donaghy, Hill, White, Walsh, Turner, Moss	

STOKE (0) 0	
SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Rowell)	12,806
Stoke: Fox, Parke (Bould), Hampton, Bracewell, Watson, Barry, Painter, McIlroy, O Callaghan, Thomas, M Chamberlain	
Sunderland: Turner, Nicholl, Munro, Atkins, Chisholm, Pickering, Vanison, Rowell, West, James, Cummins	

SWANSEA (3) 4 (Litchford, Walsh 2, James, pen)	
MANCHESTER CITY (0) 1 (McDonald)	9,884
Swansea: Sanders, Marusik, Richards, Charles, Lewis, Rakovic, Loderge, James, Walsh, Gae, Stanley, Litchford	
Man. City: Corrigan, Golac, McDonald, Reid, Bond, Caton, Tuseat, Reeves, Cross, Hilderley (May), Baker	

WATFORD (3) 5 (Bissett 3, Barnes, Callaghan, Notts County (1) 3 (Christie, Worthington, Fashanu)	16,276
Watford: Sherwood, Rice, Rostron, Taylor, Sims, Bolton, Callaghan, Bissett, Barnes, Jackett (Lohman), Jobson	
Notts Co: Leonard, Goodwin (McParland), Worthington, Benjamin, Kilcine, Richards, Chiedzie, Fashanu, McCulloch, Christie, Clarke	

WBA (2) 4 (Thompson 2, Statham, Gernon (og))	
IPSWICH (0) 1 (Wark)	12,892
WBA: Barron, Webb, Statham, Zondervan, Wile, Bennett, Whitehead, Thompson, Regis (Easton), Owen, Cross	
Ipswich: Cooper, Putney, Gernon, Parkin, Osman, Butcher, Wark, McCall, Mariner, Brazil, O Callaghan	

### Second Division

BOLTON (2) 3 (Doyle, Henry, Rudge)	
QPR (1) 2 (Gregory pen, Sealy)	6,373
Bolton: McDonagh, Whitworth, Deakin, Radfern, Jones, Doyle, Chandler, Rudge, Moores, Henry, Hoggan	
QPR: Hucker, Reader, Dawes (Feredayi), Waddock, Hazell, Wicks, Stanrod, Sealy, Anon, Fanagan, Gregory	

CAMBRIDGE (1) 1 (Spriggs)	
GRIMSBY (0) 0	3,337
Cambridge: Webster, Donaldson, Murray, Turner, Fallon, Finney, O'Neill, Spriggs, Reilly, Mayo, Cooke	
Grimsbay: Batch, D Moore, Fombe, Waters, Saxby, K Moore, Ford, Cumming, Bonnyman, Crosby, O'Dell	

CHELSEA (2) 4 (Walker, Bumstead, Canoy, He 2)	
CARLISLE (1) 2 (Shoulder pen, He gh)	6,877
Chelsea: Lee, Jones, Hutchings, Bumstead, Chivers, Pates, Filley, Walker, Speedie, Mayes, Canoville	
Carlisle: Swinburns, Parker, Haigh, Coughlin, Rushbury, Houghton (Larkin), Stanforth, Craig, Lee, Bennon, Shoulder	

DERBY (1) 1 (Swindiehurst)	
WOLVES (0) 1 (Kellock)	17,644
Derby: Cherry, Barton, Buckley, Gemmill, Powell, Fulcher, Broly, Davison, Hill, Swindiehurst, Mills	
Wolves: Burridge, Humphrey, Palmer, Smith, Pender, Dodd, Hibbit, Kellock, Gray, Eves, Matthews	

FULHAM (1) 1 (Brown)	
CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0	11,234
Fulham: Peyton, Hopkins, Lock, O'Driscoll, Brown, Gale, Davies, Wilson, Coney (McDermott), Houghton, Lewington	
C. Palace: Fry, Locke, Murphy, Nebbeling, Cannon, Hinshelwood, Brown, Hughton, Jones, Langley, Hilaire	





# Nagging Mac spurs Fashanu



**J**USTIN Fashanu's partnership with Iain McCulloch is shaping up as one of the sharpest in the First Division. But what is the 'chemistry' between the flamboyant Fashanu and the no-nonsense Scot?

"We do a lot of talking, especially on the pitch. And I have to admit that most of it comes from me," states McCulloch, County's most consistent marksman. "In fact, I'm never off his back."

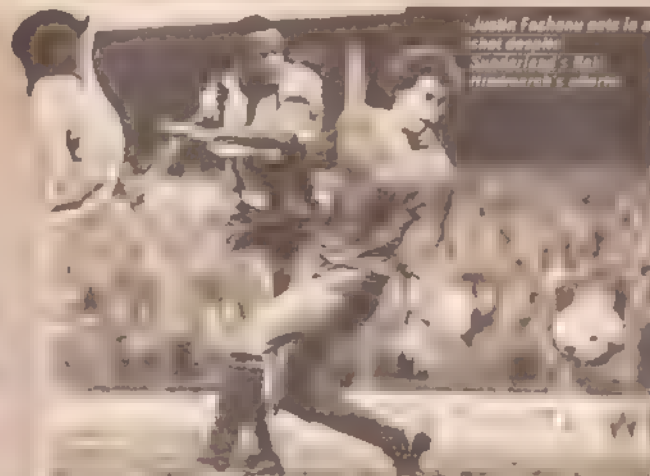
"My aim is to step up his work rate. It works, and that is being shown more and more by our results."

Justin takes the nagging from me — he knows that it is best for the team as well as himself. "He may be the

best known player that County have signed for several years but this star treatment is not something that we go in for at Meadow Lane. He is in the same boat as the rest of us — which means working flat out."

For all the colourful controversy that surrounds Fashanu, he would be the first to appreciate the single-minded purpose of McCulloch.

His 16 goals contributed heavily to Notts County's 15th place finish last season in their first Division One campaign for more than half a century. Now McCulloch is intent on taking it on from there.



"It certainly helps to have Justin up there with me. He works for me just as I work for him. But no one should run away with the idea that County's best results centre around us just because we are the names most often on the scoresheet."

"When County are playing well, it is a total team effort. I refuse to pick out names in talking about our best results this season. Victories like the five-goal beating of Coventry have been achieved because all 11 players have hit it off together."

"In that mood, I believe that we can win nine matches out of any ten we play — no matter which teams we face. It is when two or three players have an off day that we run into difficulties."

"That applies more to us than most other sides. We don't have a big professional staff and the attitude has to be one of every player pulling in the same direction at the same time. When we click in this way, Justin and I find the chances coming from every direction."

## Conviction

There is no doubt what breeds the 'togetherness' spirit in the Notts County dressing room, it is a shared conviction that few people in football rate County as a threat.

"There is no shortage of people who believe that we have no right in the First Division. That makes us furious," says McCulloch.

"We have earned our right the hard way from Fourth Division to First in ten years with no money and few resources."

"It seems that the higher you climb, the fiercer the intention to knock you off a pedestal. It took us 42 fixtures in 1980-81 to prove that we were worth First Division football and, ever since, people have been anticipating our fall."

"Well, it isn't going to happen. This is the kind of club where progress is achieved steadily and carefully. I've always believed that we would go from strength to strength and now I believe it more than ever."

# Kindon plan to beat the yobs

**E**X-WOLVES and Huddersfield Town winger Steve Kindon reckons he has come up with the best idea yet to beat soccer hooliganism.

But he admits his plan is very much long term. He aims to recruit a new generation of Huddersfield supporters — a "catch 'em young" policy which will encourage kids to behave themselves by making them feel part of the club.

As he explained: "Kids don't smash up their own homes, so the chances are that if you can make them identify with a club at an early age they won't want to indulge in activities which harm it."

So the 32-year-old Lancastrian, who still lives in Burnley where he first made his name as a direct and pacy winger, has formed the Terriers' Club, for children aged from seven to 13.

Kindon, who became Town's public relations officer and promotions manager when a knee injury prematurely ended his



career last season at the age of 32, was asked to launch the kiddies' club by Leeds Road fan Graham Rushworth.

"I thought it was a great idea," says Kindon. "It had an initial membership of just over 50 when we held our first meeting in mid-February and we've recruited steadily since then."

"In recent years I've been saddened that soccer has become synonymous with hooliganism and although Town have had little trouble I felt it was time to restore the game's image."

"Hooliganism has cost us a generation of supporters. When I was a kid I went to games with my father. But since violence reared its ugly head lots of parents have been scared to take their children."

"In fact, lots of adults have become terrified of going."

"I felt we ought to try to reverse that trend and I believe the kids' club has great possibilities."

The Terriers' Club meets every Saturday match day. For £5 entrance fee and £2 a game the young VIPs are looked after from noon until 5pm and watch the match from their special seat.

They take part in quizzes and games, meet the players and are shown round the stadium. And every Saturday they save 50p, because Kindon deducts that amount from the £2 to put into a bank account for each member "to teach them thrift."

Kindon feels that the youngsters will respond sensibly and take pride in being allowed to feel an important part of the club.

But in the unlikely event of misbehaviour anyone who causes trouble will lose their membership card and they will be out of the club for good, warns Kindon.

"It won't happen, though," says Kindon. "I've a lot of faith in youngsters. Treat them right and they'll behave themselves."



# WINNERS - SHOOT'S CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

## Radio-Watchers

Mark Aughney, Dublin; Darren Crosby, Nottingham; Vanda Howe, Leighton Buzzard; Paul Hughes, York; Mark Jones, Rugeley; Ian McCloud, Morpeth; David Redford, Richmond; Mark Raw, Darlington; Trevor Smith, Houghton Le Spring; Martin Walker, Nottingham.

## Admiral Trainers

James Dunn, Bath; Michael Green, Dringhouses, C J Kime, Horncastle; Darren Stack, London SE26; Philip Lohalley, Stanford-le-Hope; Jeremy White, Colyton; Paul Annison, East Dereham; Neil Clayton, North Shields; Peter Edwards, Ilkeseaton; Robin Glover, Bristol; James B Kelly, Clonmany; Bahwinder Singh, Bradford.

## Admiral England Kits

Grant Arnold, Grantham; David Bell, Wellingboro; Philip Griffiths, Farnham; John Hargreaves, Sudbury; Paul McGinnis, Stourbridge; Alan Simpson, Southport.

## Soccer Records

Andrew Marsh, Petersfield; Andrew Mawardi, Ipswich; Gary May, Lowestoft; David McBride, Kirkintilloch; William McCann, Clydebank; Geoffrey McNeill, Middlesbrough; Alexander Michael, Mirfield; Grant Morgan, London, N2; Andrew Morris, London, SE4; Paul Noble, Harlow; Kevin O'Brien, Clydebank; Jaswant Pahl, Southall; David Pinney, Blackwood, N Poon, Manchester; Lindsey Porritt, Rochdale; Geoffrey Proudfoot, Driffield; Stuart Pullan, Milton; Alan Rankin, Buckhaven; Michael Rattigan, Castlereas; David Riley, Leeds; E. Rimmer, Hartford; David Sabey, Maulden; Bobby Sharp, Sittingbourne; Vipul Sheth, Coventry; Damian Sidgwick, Middlesbrough; David Simmons, Rhonda; Hugh Sinnott, Dublin; Denise Smith, Luton; Steven Stewart, Nairn; Allison Townsend, Badminton; Dean Tripconey, Camborne; Neil Turney, Ilkley; S. Warriner, Cirencester; Ian

If you found all 33 items hidden in the wordsearch puzzle, your name could be among the winners listed below: The names of these 195 entrants submitting the neatest correct entries were put into a hat to decide who won which prize, and the prizes have been allotted as follows:

Warwick, Middlesbrough; Shaun Waters, Lincoln; Glenn Williams, Ilford; Neil Williams, Southampton; M. J. Wood, Kendal; Gary Wright, Copthorne; Jeremy Wright, Norwich; James Aitken, Larkhall; W. Aitkenhead, Grangemouth; James Alexander, Ardrossan; Tony Antonelli, Newport; Martin Aslin, Southampton; Siddiq Azam, London E10; Nik Azhari, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Steven Babb, Wadebridge; Mark Baldwin, Newmarket; Craig Ballentine, Scarborough; Perry Barber, Woodford Bridge; Paul Barnes, Peterlee; James Bavington, Flitwick; Graeme Baxter, Gateshead; Paul Birkitt, Gainsborough; Christopher Bounds, Hay-on-Wye; Thomas Bourke, Oola; Neil Bowen, Croydon; Allison Brett, Thetford; Alison Brock, Chelmsford; Mark Brockbank, Stockport; Mark Buckmaster, Carmarthen; Clarah Carry, Navan; Tom Carson, Ledbury; Tung Keung Chung, Cwmbran; Richard Clarke, Sale; Jeremy Coleman, Ballincollig; Daniel Cross, London N2; Jayne Daggett, Bedale; Shirley Davis, Chester; John Dawson, Bolton; Simon Day, Huntingdon; Jason Earlam, Ellesmere Port; Ian Ellis, Shrewsbury; Michael Evans, Batley; Simon Evans, Nelson; Dean Fosbury, Alton; Pairweez Gafoor, Bury; Paul Gilzean, Bridge of Weir; Clive Goodall, Staines; Martin Goodall, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Tony Hayes, Horsham; Andrew Hetherington, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Suzanne Higgs, Walsall; Stephen Holmes, Stratford-on-Avon; Mark Huckle, London, N11; Kevin Humphries, Langley Moor; Miss P. Irwin, Walsand; Gary Jones, Greatstone; Michael Jordan, Gwent; Michael Kane, Harlow; Joseph Kaya, Sarnes; Francis Kearney, Uxbridge; Stephen Kemp, Norwich; Khalid Khan, Bradford; Kenneth Liddell, Duns; Darren Lloyd, Hollywell; Kevin Lock, Potters Bar; Mr M. A. Lomas, Eccles; Mark Manning, New Ferry.

## Le Coq Sportif Trainers

Gabriel Bannigan, Castle Blayney; Paul Bradley, Studley; Tony Fearon, Craigavon; Richard Hill, Goffs Oak; Abdul Ghanl Metussin, Bradford; Mel Nally, Ballymahon; Alan Playfair, Newtownabbey; David Richards, Kilgetty; Steve Riley, London, E3; Keith Wilkinson, Liverpool.

## Braun Shavers

Pete Bryant, Andover; Pal Clarke, Cumbernauld; Jonathan Craig-Waller, Woking; Michael Davies, Wrexham; Stuart Elise, Wisbech; David Gaywood, Exeter; Russell Greenwood, Manchester; M. Nazmi Hasan, Kettering; Steven McDonald, North Drumry; Gary Wyatt, Leicester.

## Collins Soccer Diaries

Malcolm Belcher, High Wycombe; Ian Brown, Romsey; Rosalind Coventry, Caterham; Adam Edwards, Widnes; David Flor, Harrow; Anne McCullough, Ballymena; Jonathan Owen, Melvern; Andrew Peacock, Redcar; Andrew Ross, Alexandria; David Sullivan, Liverpool; Sean Warren, Ipswich; Mark Woodside, Bangor.

## Hamlyn Football Books

Matthew Colborne, New Romney; Paula Farmer, Mirfield; K. Gorthy, Dundee; Carl Hodgson, Leicester; Siobhan McMill, Hillingdon; Brendan Meick, Wargrave; Mark Sills, Frimley Green; David Stocker, Leicester; Graham White, Tewkesbury; Mr D. Wythe, Basingstoke.

## League Card Games

Graham Blackwell, Leicester; Kevin Chandler, Blyth; Andrew Grant, Barnsley; Paul Johnson, Potters Bar; Graeme Jones, Barnsley; Andrew Malden, Egham; David Maynard, Felixstowe; Geoff Owen, Bilston; John Torrence, Sanquhar; Kim Walker, Crewe.

## Pyjama-Dressing Gown Sets

Steven Bromley, Stoke-on-Trent; Gregory Brook, Selby; Noel Dutton, Bradford; Michael Hood, Cramlington; Dewi Wyn Hughes, Anglesey; Alad Wyn Jones, Harlech; Robert McEwan, Glasgow; Christopher Mitchell, Sudbury; Paresh Parmar, Leicester; Nathan Reynolds, Bedworth; Steven Rix, Ipswich; Richard Thompson, Chesterfield; David Tyson, Leeds; Alistair Wade, Tarporley; Derek White, Barrow-in-Furness.

## ATARI SOCCER SIX COMPETITION RESULT

In our Atari Soccer Six Competition, readers were invited to answer three questions about Birmingham City. The correct answers were: 1 — St Andrews; 2 — Ron Saunders; 3 — No, they haven't won the League Championship.

Having considered all entries, the judges chose the four neatest correct entries, with age taken into account. Their senders each win an Atari Video Game Console and two game cards. These winners are: John Crowther, Carlisle; Philip Hickmott, Herne Bay; Scott Masters, Uxbridge; and Catherine Rogers, Henley-on-Thames.

There were also 30 runners-up who each receive an Atari Soccer Six Medal. They are: Andrew Atkins, Fetcham; Perry Barber, Woodford Bridge; Owen Bradley, Birmingham; Mark Bryan, Sheffield; Andrew Clary, Letchworth; Stephen Cording, Kingsbridge; David Cussons, Leeds; Jeremy Diney, Bucknell; Mark Flallo, Rochester; Mark Hallam, Leeds; Gary Hammond, St Yvonne; Stephen Harper, Dauby; Simon Hicks, Lancaster; Simon Holmes, Plymouth; Paul Jackson, Northampton; Andrew Keller, Manchester; Samantha Mitchell, Walsall; Wood; Ian Pretty, Birmingham; Philip Rae, Midlothian; Louise Richardson, Alton; Simon Riven, Rotherfield; Philip Robinson, Bexley; Martin Russell, Gainsborough; Richard Taylor, Birmingham; Mark Towner, Liverpool; Laurence Tremayne, Coventry; Robert Underwood, Witham; Simon Walker, York; Stephen Whitehead, Chesham; Mark Woodhouse, Sheffield.

## ALAN MULLERY COMPETITION RESULT

In our Alan Mullery Competition readers were invited to answer three questions about players connected with Soccer World this year. The correct answers were: 1 — Stoke City; 2 — David Platt; 3 — Yes, one appearance.

Having considered all entries, the judges chose the entries submitted by the following ten readers as being the neatest correct, with age taken into account: David Aliceck, Wolverhampton; Richard Blades, Milton Keynes; Andrew Baber, Milton; Robert Fox, Beckenham; Simon Farmer, Exeter; Peter Gasparilli, Carlisle; Andrew Lancaster, Conington; Darren Larkins, Lichfield; Philip Murphy, Birmingham; Peter Richardson, Crowborough.

Each wins a week's coaching holiday at Alan Mullery's Soccer World.

There were ten second prizewinners who each win £20 worth of Levi's Youthwear vouchers. These winners are: Neil Beroxford, Belper; Simon Burnside, St Neots; James Cattell, New Romney; Gerard Crosse, Tipperary; Neil Doran, Worthington; Peter Gibson, Newtownabbey; Susan Goulding, Lincoln; Richard Kirby, Manchester; Grant Mitchell, Longleaves; David Priest, Worthing.

Five third prizes of Subbuteo European Table Soccer games go to: Neil Anderson, Swaffham; Lee Fullerton, Grays; Debbie Hayes, Birmingham; Graham Kelly, Co. Dublin; Paul Spomers, Manchester.

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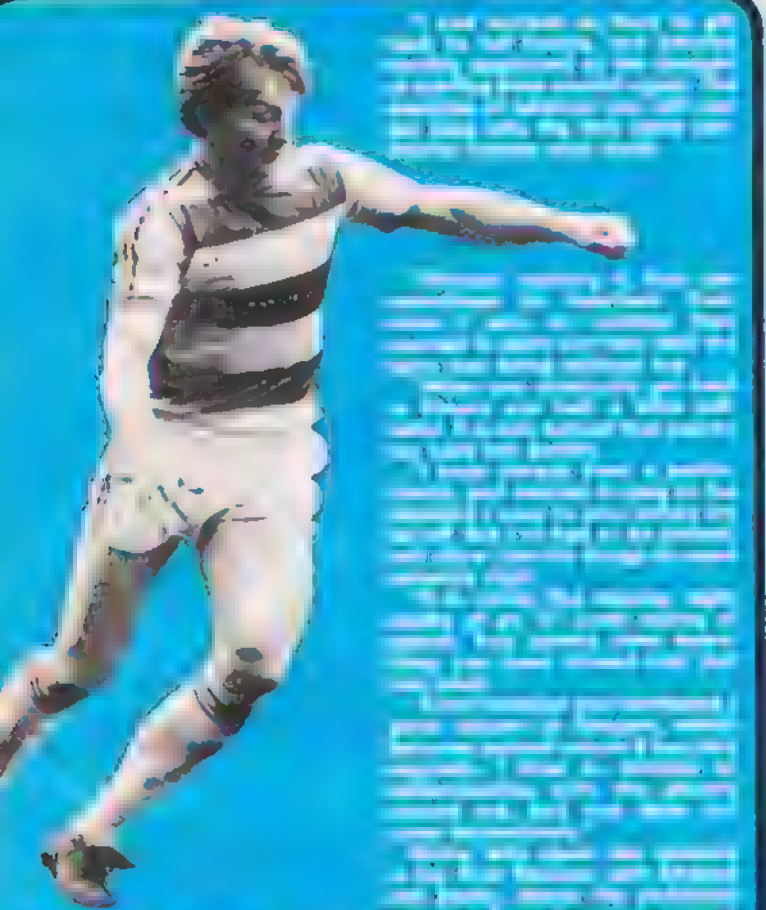
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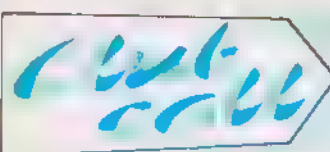
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## BLACKBURN ROVERS

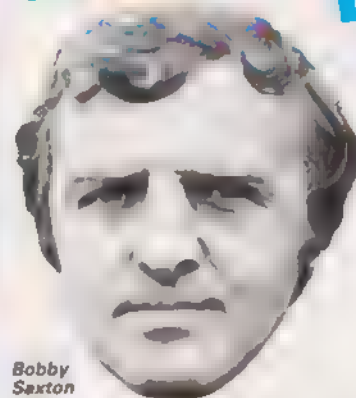
**F**OR the past 17 years the question asked of successive Blackburn managers has been 'Is he the man to take Rovers back to the First Division?'

Bobby Saxton became the latest Ewood Park hope at the beginning of last season, succeeding Howard

"What I want to avoid is a repeat of the fiasco at the start of this season when a number of players' contracts ran out and they all refused to sign new ones."

"Men who should have been playing for Blackburn Rovers were missing and the whole side was

# FIASCO- then Blackburn's recovery



Bobby Saxton

Kendall to become the club's 15th manager since the War

Yet, although Saxton is cautiously optimistic, he's making no rash promises of a rapid return to the big time.

Right now, he's just happy to see Rovers in a comfortable mid-table position after a disastrous start to the season when they lost four of their first five games.

"We've done well to get where we are now after that kind of start," he says. "There was a lot of pressure on us at the time, but we've shown the necessary spirit and battled well."

"We've had an average season, and all we can hope for now is to finish higher than last season's final position of tenth."

Saxton appreciates that money is tight. He would like to add a couple of new faces to his playing staff, but basically he's happy with his current squad.

"We've got 16 players in the first team squad and 20 professionals in all. I'd say that's about right for a club of our size."

"If we can keep our current squad together then I'm very optimistic about the future."

terribly unsettled

"We were forced to get involved in the business of taking players on loan and that unbalanced the team."

Saxton hasn't even thought about possible cuts to reduce his meagre playing staff even further, but knows he won't be losing top scorer Simon Garner.

"Simon hasn't been knocking them in so regularly over the last couple of months, but that happens to every striker."

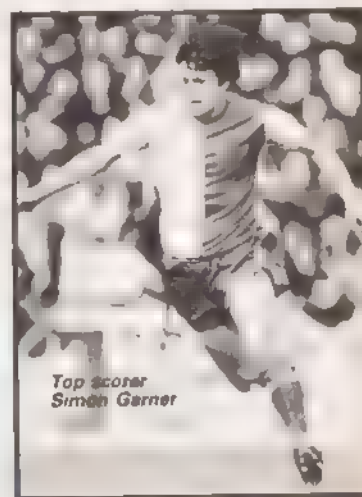
### 'Speculation'

"There was a lot of talk in the papers about him being watched by other clubs, but as far as I'm concerned that was mere speculation."

And can Saxton ever see a day when the name of Blackburn Rovers commands the sort of respect it carried 100 years ago when they were the finest club in the land?

"I just want to see us improving all the time. Hopefully we'll finish this season well up the Second Division table, and if we improve on that we'll be pressing for promotion to Division One."

"It's not going to happen overnight, but I feel we're heading in the right direction."



Top scorer Simon Garner

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# BLACKBURN ROYALS



**BACK ROW** (left to right) Donal Murphy (no longer with club) Vince O'Keefe Terry Gennoe, Michael Salmon, David Mail, Noel Brotherston

**MIDDLE ROW** Tony Parkes (coach), Tony Long (physio), Simon Garner, Mike Rathbone, Derek Fazackerley, Kevin Stonehouse, John Lowry, Paul Cornsive, Jim Furnell (reserve manager), Bobby Saxton (manager)

**FRONT ROW** David Hamilton, Gary Butcher, Jim Brennan, Norman Bell, Ian Miller, Marshall Burke (no longer with club)

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## HIT-MAN HATTON IS CARDIFF'S AGE

ABOVE Hatton heads home for Birmingham against Middlesbrough during the 1974-75 season  
BELOW With Tony Kenworthy, Bob proudly displays the trophy presented to Sheffield United last season for the Fourth Division Championship.

**B**OB Hatton, striker, respected professional and a consistent goalscorer with every one of his nine League clubs, deserves a salute that his own modesty is in danger of denying him.

The brave and utterly single-minded Yorkshireman has scored goals with an admirable consistency ever since Wolves gave him a teenage League debut back in the 1966-67 season.

Since then Hatton has hammered in League goals with a reliable ruthlessness that has attracted countless managers to seek his services when in need of a very special job.

For Wolves he scored seven in ten games, Bolton (2 in 28), Northampton (8 in 33), Carlisle United (38 in 93), Birmingham City (58 in 175), Blackpool (32 in 75), Luton (29 in 82) and Sheffield United (33 in 89). And these figures do not include the many goals he has scored for these clubs in F.A. Cup and League Cup ties.

Now knocking them in for Cardiff City, Hatton is establishing himself as part of football folklore. Why? Because this is no less than his 13th season involved in either a promotion or relegation issue.

It's as if every manager has recognised Hatton's qualities and signed him for the specific job of assuring going up or avoiding going down. Few players could cope with the number of transfers Hatton has experienced, nor could they settle in with so many new and varying teams as he has done.

And as Cardiff challenge for a return to the Second Division, led by Hatton, we look at his

astonishing sequence of 'up and downers' since that first season at Molineux.

Season	Club	Place
1966-67	Wolves	Promoted from Second Division
1968-69	Northampton	Relegated from Third Division
1970-71	Carlisle	Missed promotion from Second Division by three points
1971-72	Birmingham	Promotion from Second Division
1973-74	Birmingham	Avoided relegation by one point
1974-75	Birmingham	Avoided relegation by four points
1975-76	Birmingham	Avoided relegation by three points
1976-77	Blackpool	Missed promotion from Second Division by one point
1977-78	Blackpool	Relegated from Second Division
1978-79	Luton Town	Avoided relegation from Second Division by one point
1980-81	Sheffield Utd.	Relegated from Third Division
1981-82	Sheffield Utd.	Fourth Division Champions
1982-83	Cardiff City	???

Hatton is proud of the fact that he has never left a club under a cloud and can return to any of his former clubs with the knowledge that the fans would be glad to welcome him.

His professional attitude and excellent example to younger players marks him down as the type every manager longs to have in his squad.

Right now Cardiff City are looking to Hit-Man Hatton to lift them back into the Second Division, and if his record is anything to go by...





Andy Roxburgh, recently appointed to an elite group of 16 FIFA coaches, writes exclusively for SHOOT this week.



honour which I see bestowed on Scotland's young footballers rather than something personal.

Coaching Scotland's young stars is one of the most rewarding jobs in football even if sometimes I can hardly remember what my wife and five-year-old son Robert look like.

I get around a bit, but when you see Ally McCoist of Sunderland, Scott McGarvey of Manchester United, Charlie Nicholas of Celtic, John Hewitt of Aberdeen, Ally Dick of Spurs, Ray Stewart of West Ham, Nicky Walker of Motherwell, Brian Rice of Hibs, Davie Bowman of Hearts and a host of other brilliant young men come through,

every mile is worthwhile.

The lads who won the Euro Championship in Finland made me glow with pride. We went to the country hoping to battle our way out of our section against Holland, Turkey and Albania, but Clyde's Pat Nevin was out of this world and the others were just inches short of that.

As soon as we did that I knew we could win it and Poland and Czechoslovakia fell in the Semi and Final.

Now we must do the same to Australia, South Korea and hosts Mexico in our qualifying section of the world Finals this June and I honestly believe we can.

## Young Scots can beat the World!

**I'M the man who could win no more than a Scottish Second Division Championship medal as a player, but managed a European Cup as a coach!**

It might seem a long way from Brockville in the 60's to Euro glory in the 80's, but it is something that another of my Falkirk team-mates in those days has managed — Alex Ferguson.

And in one of football's great twists of fate, several of Fergie's Aberdeen players contributed to Scotland's triumph in last year's European Youth Championship Finals in Finland and such as Neale Cooper and Eric Black most certainly will when we attack the World Youth Championship in Mexico in June.

Indeed, that duo, along with Celtic's Paul McStay, are the main reasons why I honestly believe Scotland can do exceptionally well in the competition in our qualifying section 12,000 feet up in Toluca.

The young Celt and The Dons pair are world class at that level and any side who lay claim to ambitions to become Champions of the world must have that quality in abundance. And the trio are backed by international class players.

If we can adapt to the conditions — the rarified atmosphere which England found such a problem in the 1970 World Cup — then we might eclipse even that glory in Helsinki.

Finland was fantastic, the highlight of a career which never really hit the heights on the playing side. Sure I played for the

Scottish youth team myself while I was with Queen's Park and I remember scoring the only goal of a schools international against England at Parkhead. The man marking me that day? None other than England's current youth team boss, Watford manager Graham Taylor!

I had plenty of pace and scored the odd goal, but would I pick myself for one of my youth teams now? Not a chance!

Nevertheless I was given the chance to turn professional with Clydebank and then Rangers moved in with an offer. Instead I went to Partick Thistle because they offered me full-time wages but allowed me to carry on at Physical Education College in Glasgow.

### Helped

I was four years at Thistle and completed my playing career with four years at Falkirk and two years back at Clydebank, where I eventually helped with the coaching under Bill Munro.

Now I have been with the SFA for seven years and the team we take to Mexico will be the climax of a five-year plan which involved coaching lads such as Paul McStay at the age of 13.

We must be getting somewhere for I was recently invited to become one of only 16 official FIFA coaches around the world, an



Sunderland's Ally McCoist is one of the SFA's successful products

I SEE YOU'VE BEEN OVERLOOKED AGAIN, NOBBY



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# ASK THE EXPERT

## Gary at Rovers

As a great admirer of Gary Mabbutt, can you tell me anything about him before he played for England?

PAULINE LIM, SINGAPORE

Born in Bristol, Mabbutt (right) made his League debut for local Rovers in a 2-0 defeat at Burnley on 16th December 1978. Pauline

After 131 games for Rovers, he was transferred to Spurs for a bargain £150,000 on 11th August last year, and became an instant hit in the First Division.

So much so that, only a couple of months later, he made his full England debut — to add to Youth and Under-21 caps — against West Germany at Wembley.

His brother, Kevin, plays for Crystal Palace; while his father, Ray, was a long-time servant for Gary's first club, Bristol Rovers.



## Dons abroad

Now that overseas tours are so popular with clubs, I'd like to know the very first English football team to tour abroad?

SIEW TEIK FOO, SINGAPORE

Surprising as it may seem, Siew, it was Oxford University. They played several games in Germany in 1875.

In those bygone days, they were one of the top teams. They won the F.A. Cup and played in three other Finals between 1873 and 1880.

## SHORT PASSES

● Manchester United's record victory is 10-0 — v. Anderlecht, in the European Cup, on 28th September, 1956 (STUART MANRAY, Australia)

● Liverpool last played in the Second Division in the 1961-62 season (KAMARUDIN JAAFAR, West Malaysia)

● In the 1976 F.A. Charity Shield game at Wembley, League Champions Liverpool beat F.A. Cup winners Southampton 1-0 (PETER STROM, Sweden)

## NOW — TRY TO BEAT THE EXPERT

### Stan's trio

Has any player ever scored a hat-trick in an F.A. Cup Final?

ISKANDAR ZULQUARNAIN, WEST MALAYSIA

Yes, Iskandar, three have done so, though only one in the 20th century. First was Townley, in Blackburn Rovers' 8-1 win over Sheffield Wednesday in 1890, and next came Logan in Notts County's 4-1 defeat of Bolton four years later.

The only Wembley hat-trick fell to Stan Mortensen in Blackpool's 4-3 victory over Bolton in 1953 though, as one of his goals was slightly deflected by a defender, a few references record it as a Has-sall own-goal.

MOST footballers would be happy enough to play at Wembley just once. But PAUL MOON, of Bedale in North Yorkshire, asks: "Which two contemporary players have done so for FIVE different sides?"

Which is quite a tall order that beat me all the way into the back of the net!

Paul, though has the answer in a couple of the most popular stars of recent years — Pat Jennings and Alan Ball.

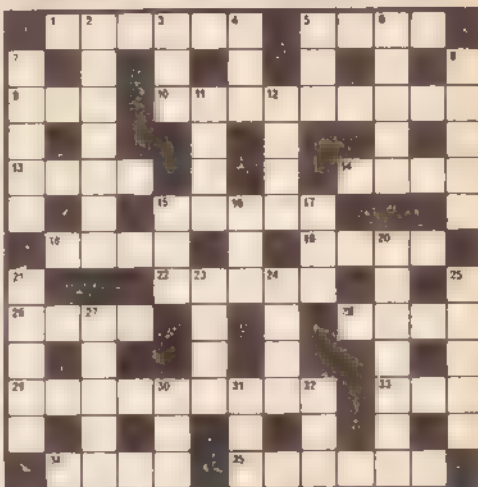
Pat kicked off there for Northern Ireland Youth XI in the Final of the International Youth Tournament back in April 1963

— followed by numerous full internationals, games for Spurs and Arsenal, plus an appearance for The Three v. The Six in the Common Market Entry Match in January 1973.

Ballie played with him for The Three, plus his own many Wembley games for England, Everton, Arsenal, and Southampton.

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## SHOOT! CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- (1) Garth —, Spurs striker (5)
- (5) See 21 Down (4)
- (9) "Pompey", —, nickname of Portsmouth (3)
- (10) Kevin —, Everton defender (3)
- (13) Use four letters from Chelsea to give a dull pain (4)
- (14) —, Gunn, Nottingham Forest defender (4)
- (15) Rovers, Scottish First Division club from Starks Park (5)
- (18) South American country in the Finals of the 1982 World Cup (4)
- (19) —, Curbishley, Birmingham City midfielder (4)
- (22) Billy —, West Ham defender (5)
- (26) Mick M —, Southampton defender (4)
- (28) The League — — — — show the current team positions (4)
- (29) —, Notts County striker (3)
- (33) John Mah —, Swansea star (3)
- (34) H — — — —, Town, from Leeds Road ground (4)
- (35) Mark —, Norwich winger (3)

### DOWN

- (2) Andy —, Leeds striker (7)
- (3) B — — — —, "The Cherries" (3)
- (4) "The — — — —", nickname of Southampton (3)
- (5) Gordon —, "hish — —", Sunderland defender (3)

- (6) The 7th, 9th, 1st, 2nd & 10th letters of Fellows Park (Walsall) (5)
- (7) Kevin —, Manchester United defender (5)
- (8) —, Sansom, Arsenal defender (5)
- (11) The goal — one extends six yards into the field of play (4)
- (12) — — — —, Athletic, English Division Two club (4)
- (15) H Clyde, Berwick & Falkirk give "LEA", what will Brechin, Dundee & Aberdeen give? (3)
- (18) —, Rush, Liverpool striker (3)
- (17) Alan — — — —, Liverpool defender (3)
- (20) Reuben —, Southampton defender (7)
- (21 & 5 Across) Brighton midfielder (5)
- (23) The shape of the Rugby football (4)
- (24) A record — from the initials of Chester, Ipswich, Doncaster & Stoke (4)
- (25) Nicholas Arsenal midfielder (5)
- (27) Fasteners for boots! (5)
- (30) E — — — —, Road ground of Leeds United (3)
- (31) Reverse three consecutive letters found in West Bromwich Albion to give a sphere (3)
- (32) Steve S — — — —, Watford keeper (3)

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# FOOTBALL FUNNIES

"Cheer up. Anyone can lose 13-0."



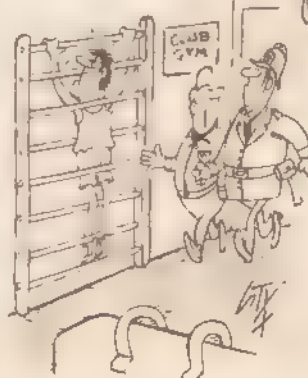
"They were sent to escort the fans to the stadium, but only one turned up."



"My dad's going to love you. He's a football fanatic like you."



"I'm sure he'd prefer a little kiss instead of a slap on the back when he scores."



"I've never known anybody to be so accident prone."





I've enjoyed my time with Spurs and don't want to go. I'd love to get the chance to team up with our new signing Alan Brazil (below).

goals early on the fans will take him to their hearts

Even though Alan is a striker there was no animosity from me when he arrived. There never is when a new player is signed by a club

Players are professionals doing a job of work. We can't afford to get emotional. There is no room in the game for stupid resentment.

Alan Brazil, just 23-years-old, is a real quality player, so exciting to watch. He is a great capture for Spurs and will provide a fresh impetus to improve our position in the First Division and qualify for a place in Europe

I rate Alan as one of the best finishers in the game. He has a lethal left foot and is ice-cool under pressure.

Alan was always regarded as a dangerman whenever he played against Spurs and warranted special attention at team-talks.

I've played alongside Alan for the Scotland Under 21's and in some of the full international side's latest games

Apart from his goalscoring skills, Alan has a tremendous footballing brain. He's a thinker —



# I don't want to leave Spurs



Up front with

STEVE ARCHIBALD

**F**OOTBALL can be a cruel game. One day you can be winning Cup Finals at Wembley, the next in the reserves fighting to regain first team status.

This season has been something of a disaster for me so far. But fortunately it's not over yet, so there's still time for me to make my mark.

Some reports have suggested my future at Tottenham is in the balance because of the recent signing of striker Alan Brazil from Ipswich Town.

At the time of writing I hadn't discussed the situation with manager Keith Burkinshaw so I can't predict what's in his mind.

But I don't feel under any more pressure just because the club has signed Alan Brazil.

Because of the situation at the club everyone is threatened. There have been so many changes this season no one can take a first team place for granted.

Whatever happens I don't want to leave Spurs. I'm happy here and like to feel I have a future with the club. I've had so many good times since my move from Aberdeen in May, 1980, and want to be part of

the successes that are to come.

My wife Maureen and family are settled in Hertfordshire and don't relish the thought of uprooting ourselves at the moment.

As I don't know Keith Burkinshaw's plans all I can do is keep giving 100 per cent and hope everything will come right in the end.

Keith has said he doesn't want to sell players, but with so many chasing the same position it's on the cards someone will go if the right offer is made.

Naturally I welcome Alan Brazil to White Hart Lane and wish him every success. If he scores a few

a real Tottenham type of player.

Very easy going, Alan was brought up in Glasgow before joining Ipswich. I know he loves the big city atmosphere and playing at White Hart Lane.

"Just running out gives you the incentive to play better," I remember him saying once.

Alan also enjoys a joke and is mildly amused at the fact Spurs paid around £450,000 when they could have had him for nothing!

Apparently he was invited to White Hart Lane as a schoolboy on the recommendation of our Scottish scout, but returned home without kicking a ball.

As Alan says "You can't win them all!" But at least Spurs got their man in the end.

*Steve Archibald*



# It happened this week

**15 YEARS AGO** Three British clubs are involved in Fairs Cup Quarter-Finals Rangers and Leeds draw their first leg 0-0 at Ibrox, while Dundee take a 1-0 home lead over FC Zurich

Birmingham, Leeds and Everton get safely through to the F.A. Cup Semi-Finals, but West Bromwich hold Liverpool to a goalless draw

**10 YEARS AGO** George Best says he's eager to play again — but only for Northern Ireland and not Manchester United. The Irish express interest, but United manager Tommy Docherty warns that Best's suspension is registered with FIFA and that he can't play without the club's permission

Wales beat Poland 2-0 and are now joint-top with England in Group Five of the World Cup. Northern Ireland's hopes of beating Portugal are thwarted by a 1-1 equaliser from Eusebio just before the end

Two Mike Channon goals give the Football League a draw against the Scottish League at Hampden

Malcolm Allison is back in the headlines as Palace's new manager. And Big Mal gets off to a flying start when Chelsea are beaten 2-0, the first time Palace have defeated a fellow London club in 32 League games!

Liverpool still top the League, though with Pat Jennings playing the game of his life and saving two penalties, they drop a point to Spurs at Anfield

But closest rivals Arsenal are beaten at home by Derby, while third-placed Leeds lose at Manchester City

A record seven players are sent-off on the Saturday, taking the total of dismissals to 78 for the season so far.

**5 YEARS AGO** Bob Latchford brings his haul of League goals to 25 when another couple help inform Everton win 2-1 at Old Trafford. That's three wins out of three over Easter, and they're now within a point of Forest at the top of the table. But Clough's side have games in hand and are still favourites for the title

A late Borussia Mönchengladbach goal gives them a 2-1 lead as Liverpool battle to retain the European Cup, with every hope of pulling it back at Anfield. In the other Semi-Final, Juventus take a first leg 1-0 lead over Bruges

Saturday is April Fool's Day, and for much of the game, Chelsea nearly make a fool of leaders Forest until three goals in the dying minutes grab the points

Just as well for Forest as all the clubs on their tail — Everton, Arsenal, Manchester City, and Liverpool — pick up maximum points

At the top of the Second Division, Tottenham's unbeaten run of 19 games comes to an end at struggling Burnley.

In the Fourth, a hat-trick apiece from Robbie James and Alan Curtis help Swansea smash eight past Hartlepool without reply to boost their promotion challenge

They look set to go up alongside Watford who, with a game in hand, are now an incredible 11 points clear at the top

## Happy Birthday

April 4 — Paul Parker (Fulham) 19  
April 5 — Dennis Mortimer (Aston Villa, below) 31  
Ian Redford (Rangers) 23



April 6 — Colin Gibson (Aston Villa) 23  
April 8 — Gordon Chisholm (Sunderland) 23  
Brian McDermott (Arsenal) 22  
April 9 — Mick Kennedy (Boro) 22  
Tom McAdam (Celtic) 29  
Peter Mandham (Norwich) 23

WATFORD'S up-and-at-em style will be on show behind the Bamboo Curtain this summer following an invitation to the Vicarage Road club from the Chinese Football Association

They will play three games — two in Peking and one in Shanghai — and will be accompanied on the tour by chairman Elton John, who says "I've made sure I've no commitments and I'm looking forward to the trip, not just for football but also to visit the Peking Conservatory and meet China's young musicians."

## VAUGHAN FOR SALE

NIGEL VAUGHAN, who became the first Newport player to appear for Wales in 25 years earlier this season, has asked for a transfer

Says the diminutive mid-field player: "I'm at the point where a move is essential to my career. I don't feel Mike England is going to regard me as a regular international until I'm playing at a higher level than the Third Division."

ARSENAL are backing the Great Ormond Street Hospital's Sick Children Fund, and several of their stars went along to the London hospital recently to help swell the coffers. The players took turns to sell specially produced T-shirts and signed autographs for the young patients. Pictured here with some of the staff and patients are John Hollins, Pat Jennings, Tony Woodcock and Brian Talbot



TIRE Casters Arena in Falkirk looks likely to be the venue for Scotland's proposed new Soccer Six tournament. The basketball stadium has better facilities than Edinburgh's Ingliston Exhibition Hall and is more available than Glasgow's Kelvin Hall

Meanwhile, Scottish League officials are negotiating with prospective sponsors and hope to have a deal signed and sealed in time for next season.

## Hand resigns

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND boss Eoin Hand has resigned as manager of Limerick United. He intends to go into partnership in the sportswear business with Rugby Union star Tony Ward but his move to Dublin increases speculation that Hand will succeed Johnny Giles as manager of Shamrock Rovers. Meanwhile Dave Maheedy has been named as Limerick's new manager



# LIFE BAN FOR JOHNSTON?

HEARTS are ready to go to court to defend bad boy Willie Johnston after he was sent-off for the 20th time of his career during the 4-1 Scottish Cup defeat at Celtic.

## No loans at Albion

WEST BROMWICH ALBION boss Ron Wylie has no intention of boosting his club's fortunes by drafting in a couple of stars on loan

Says Wylie: "I don't think I could rely on loan players to give 100 per cent. Their hearts wouldn't be committed to Albion."

"I much prefer to give our youngsters a chance. It helps to develop club spirit. They'd soon become disenchanted at the lack of opportunities if I borrowed a player every time we hit a rough patch."

FOURTH DIVISION Hereford have used eight different players in goal this season. When goalkeeper Kevin Rice was sent-off in a League match with Blackpool, defender Chris Price took over to become the club's eighth 'keeper.

## Happy Francis

TREVOR FRANCIS has hit out at suggestions that he is unsettled in Italy with Sampdoria and wants to return to England.

Says the international striker (left), now back in action after a three-month groin strain injury: "I'm enjoying myself so much with Sampdoria that my only regret is that I've only 15 months of my current contract still to run."

Now I'm free of injuries my main aim is to play so well that Sampdoria will offer me a new contract when my current agreement runs out next year."

## Did you know?

Manchester City's Tommy Carson, born on October 6, 1962, is the youngest player to make the maximum 42 appearances in First Division football in the season that marked his Football League debut — that of 1979-80

## Ryan's racer

OLDHAM'S exciting full-back prospect John Ryan has a novel way of keeping himself in trim... racing against his wife's horse Paladin!

John, 21, whose displays this season have had the big clubs showing interest, explains: "I got tired of running about local fields on my own so I decided to use Paladin as a pace-setter. He always wins, of course, but I enjoy testing myself against him and it helps keep me fit."

But John NEVER rides Paladin... because he once fell off a horse and broke a leg



The 36-year-old winger was sent-off for allegedly striking Davie Provan, but referee Brian McGinlay didn't see the incident.

Johnston was sent-off on the evidence of linesman Ray Ballantine, but Hearts chairman Wallace Mercer believes he is a victim of his poor reputation.

"If Willie was guilty of a serious offence, he'd never kick another ball for Hearts," said Mercer. "But I've yet to meet a single person who saw anything."

"Willie reckons he gave Provan a playful slap, so it's possible the Celtic man feigned injury."

"There's been talk of a life ban, but in the event of such heavy-handed action we might contest the decision in court."

NORTHERN IRELAND keen to build on last year's success in the World Cup Finals, are set to introduce Under-21 and 'B' teams for the start of next season.

Says international manager Billy Bingham: "It is essential that we bridge the gap between youth and full international football. I can think of a number of players both in England and in Northern Ireland who will benefit from such a move."

## Inside football with MARK IRWIN

DEREK JOHNSTONE'S return to the Rangers team was a brief affair. The 29-year-old striker made his first appearance for five weeks in the recent game against Hibs, but limped off with a calf muscle injury after only 25 minutes. Now he's likely to be out for a further five weeks.

EIRE international Mick Martin is to be given a testimonial game by the Irish F.A. in August. The Newcastle midfielder man hopes to persuade a star-studded European XI to travel to Dalymount Park, Dublin, to take on an Irish XI.

## PETROVIC FACES ARSENAL AXE

TONY Woodcock can appreciate more than anyone at Arsenal just how tough life must be for struggling Yugoslav Vladimir Petrovic.

For Woodcock experienced first-hand the problems of trying to settle in a foreign country when he moved from Nottingham Forest to Cologne.

Says Woodcock: "It was probably easier for me to go to West Germany."

"Most of the Cologne players spoke English, but nobody at Highbury can speak Serbo-Croat. Also, West German football was slower so I had time to put my foot on the ball and think."

"The game's so much quicker in England that even I had to re-adjust."

Arsenal are still undecided about Petrovic. They have an agreement with Red Star Belgrade whereby they've paid a small fee for him, but if they keep him at the end of the season they'll have to pay the full six-figure asking price.

KEVIN KEEGAN isn't Newcastle's only signing from Southampton. For when the destroyer HMS Newcastle received a Lynx helicopter as replacement for one lost in the Falklands campaign, it arrived on... HMS Southampton. Naturally, the Navy lads decided to call their latest acquisition after the former England captain. Kevin was invited to sign the nose of the missile-carrying chopper and afterwards commented: "I'm very honoured. It looks a bit old, but I suppose that's why they've named it after me!"



## SWEET TALK

ARTHUR PITCHER, chairman of Southern League Corby Town, has found a novel way of calling a truce.

In a recent programme article, he says: "I seem to have set up a record this year for upsetting people with my programme comments. 'So today I shall avoid any comments about anything and devote this space to the art of growing pineapples.'"

Mr Pitcher explains in detail how to grow the fruit, and finishes by saying: "I do hope this information has not upset anyone. Next week you may well get useful hints on growing sugar cane."

BRIGHTON are so optimistic that this is going to be their year in the F.A. Cup that they have already got their open-topped bus ready to parade the Cup! The bus, in fact, was prepared even before The Seagulls saw off Norwich in the Quarter-Finals.

DUNDEE youngsters Bobby Geddes and Brian Scrimgeour aren't likely to forget the recent Tayside derby match with United at Tannadice in a hurry.

Goalkeeper Geddes, playing his first League game of the season, was injured in the opening minute and limped off after five minutes. Scrimgeour took over in goal and with only eight minutes remaining Dundee were 3-2 ahead.

"Then the roof collapsed," says midfielder Brian. "United scored three goals in the last eight minutes and also hit the bar. I hadn't a chance. I'll think twice in future before I criticise a goalkeeper. It's the worst job in football!"

## No go Villa...

ASTON VILLA's plans to hire out the European Cup to Midlands companies for promotional work at £500 a time drew unanimous disapproval from UEFA headquarters.

UEFA officials clamped down on Villa's idea with a terse instruction that the Cup must not be hired out "for personal gain."



SHOOT reader William Morphet from Lancaster, winner of our Sondico competition, received his prize, a complete goalkeeper's kit, from Ray Clemence before the recent Notts County v. Spurs match.

A fan of the England 'keeper, William was naturally disappointed that Spurs lost 3-0, but he enjoyed the VIP treatment he received from Ray, Notts County and Sondico.

## STOP PRESS

● Wolves are planning ahead to the First Division next season and have been keeping a close watch on the progress of Limerick full-back Peter Coyle.

● Spurs' Bill Nicholson was at Firhill for the recent Scottish Cup-tie between Partick Thistle and Aberdeen. His target was Thistle's young striker Maurice Johnston, who has scored almost 30 goals this season.



# GOAL GAME

Beat the SHOOT Quiz expert... if you can! Award yourself a goal for each correct answer and one for SHOOT if you fail to get it right. Put the scores in the boxes at the end of the questions.

1. Liverpool were knocked out of the European Cup at the Quarter-Finals stage. Although they beat Widzew Lodz 3-2 at Anfield they were eliminated 4-3 on aggregate. Who scored for the League Champions?

2. Aston Villa suffered a similar fate when they lost 5-2 overall against Juventus. Did Villa take the lead in the game in Turin?

3. Manchester City's David Cross has played for five other League clubs. Rochdale, Norwich City, West Bromwich Albion and West Ham are four... can you name the other?

4. Can you select the striker from the following... Steve Perryman (Tottenham), Mike Duxbury (Manchester United, right) or Andy Ritchie (Brighton)?

5. Sheffield United's exciting winger Terry Curran began his League career with Derby County, Darlington or Doncaster Rovers?

6. A famous First Division manager starred, as a player, for Preston North End, Everton (twice), Birmingham City, Stoke City and Blackburn Rovers... who is he?



7. True or false? Arsenal goalkeeper Pat Jennings (right) made his full international debut for Northern Ireland against Wales in April, 1964 when he helped the Irish to a 3-2 victory?

8. Which English or Scottish clubs are known by the following nicknames (a) The Canaries, (b) The Buddies, (c) The Villans and (d) The Bairsn?

9. Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the name of a top defender and his club... HMRGAATSRBRO (TTTMEOANH).

10. (a) Mick Ferguson, (b) Stephen Hodge and (c) Iain McCulloch are starring in the First Division for which clubs?

## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

See if you can spot the ten differences between these two cartoons.



## PICTURE PUZZLE



Study the action photograph, taken during Nottingham Forest's 3-0 home win against Manchester City this season, and see if you can answer the following questions about the game and the two clubs.

1 Can you identify the Manchester City player on the left?

2 And the Forest international star?

3 Did the Maine Road player appear in the 1981 F.A. Cup Final against Spurs at Wembley which the London club won 3-2 in a replay?

4 Who was manager of Nottingham Forest when they gained promotion from the Second Division at the end of the 1976-77 season?

## QUIZ RESULT

YOUR SCORE

SHOOT'S SCORE

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS:—

ACROSS:— (1) Crooks. (5) Case. (9) Out. (10) Ratcliffe. (13) Ache. (14) Bryn. (15) Raith. (18) Peru. (19) Alan. (22) Bonds. (26) Iils. (28) Able. (29) McCulloch. (33) One. (34) Used. (35) Barham.

DOWN:— (2) Ritchie. (3) Our. (4) Set. (5) Col. (6) Safer. (7) Moran. (8) Kenny. (11) Area. (12) Cart. (15) Rub. (16) Ian. (17) Has. (20) Agboola. (21) Jimmy. (23) Oval. (24) Disc. (25) Peter. (27) Laces. (30) Lad. (31) Orb. (32) Her.

## ANSWERS

1 Player on roof has different shirt. 2 Referee's whistle missing. 3 Referee's card has changed. 4 Player on roof has different shirt. 5 Referee's whistle missing. 6 Player's number is missing. 7 Referee's card has changed. 8 Referee's whistle missing. 9 Referee's card has changed. 10 Player's number is missing. 11 Referee's card has changed. 12 Referee's whistle missing. 13 Referee's card has changed. 14 Referee's whistle missing. 15 Referee's card has changed. 16 Referee's whistle missing. 17 Referee's card has changed. 18 Referee's whistle missing. 19 Referee's card has changed. 20 Referee's whistle missing. 21 Referee's card has changed. 22 Referee's whistle missing. 23 Referee's card has changed. 24 Referee's whistle missing. 25 Referee's card has changed. 26 Referee's whistle missing. 27 Referee's card has changed. 28 Referee's whistle missing. 29 Referee's card has changed. 30 Referee's whistle missing. 31 Referee's card has changed. 32 Referee's whistle missing. 33 Referee's card has changed. 34 Referee's whistle missing. 35 Referee's card has changed.

## STAMP QUIZ

DO YOU KNOW:

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**I**PSWICH and England striker Paul Mariner isn't worried by his lack of goals this season — and he has the full backing of his boss!

Bobby Ferguson, who succeeded Bobby Robson at Portman Road at the start of the season, says: "I'm delighted with Paul's form. The fact that he hasn't been scoring a lot of goals doesn't worry me at all.

"There's a lot more to his game than sticking the ball in the net. He is such a good target man that we use him to build a lot of our attacks. He is always available and his commitment is never less than 100 per cent."

Mariner, handed the Ipswich captaincy when Mick Mills departed for Southampton in November, scored both goals against Nottingham Forest recently to end a ten-game barren



Manager Bobby Ferguson

Mariner, who won his 30th senior cap for England against Wales recently, points out: "Being captain at Ipswich has helped me a lot. It has made me realise there's a lot more to the job than just leading the team out.

"I think I'm a better player because I looked upon it as something of a challenge. I spoke to Mick Mills about it so that I knew what it involved. Actually, he said that if he'd known it would improve my game so much he'd have stepped down while he was still at Ipswich!

"I'm enjoying my football more than for a long time and it's nice to have the backing of the manager. It's been a real up and down season for us but I think we could finish on a high note.

"There's still a chance we could qualify for Europe and that would be a real bonus after all the disappointments we have had."

# Ipswich boss backs goal-shy Mariner



run. But he says: "I don't feel any pressure because the boss tells me he is happy with my contribution to the team. Anyway, we've never been a team who've relied on one or two players to score the goals.

"Being captain hasn't changed my game in any way and I don't find it a problem leading from the front. My main job is obviously in attack but I'm being used a lot in midfield, dropping back to get the ball and trying to get things going from there.

"There was a time when I would worry if I went a few games without a goal, but not any more. Our scoring record is as good as most clubs and as long as somebody is tucking them away we've no cause to worry.

"People still tend to think of the centre-forward as a goalscorer and nothing else, but these days goals come from just about every department within a team."

Manager Ferguson adds: "Paul hasn't had the best of luck in front of goal but I can't fault him. He has responded brilliantly to being captain of the side and the additional responsibility has been good for him as a player and a person.

"Anyone can captain a side winning all its games, but he took over at a time when we were going through a sticky spell. He proved he can do it when the chips are down and that shows his character."

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# STEWART ROBSON ARSENAL

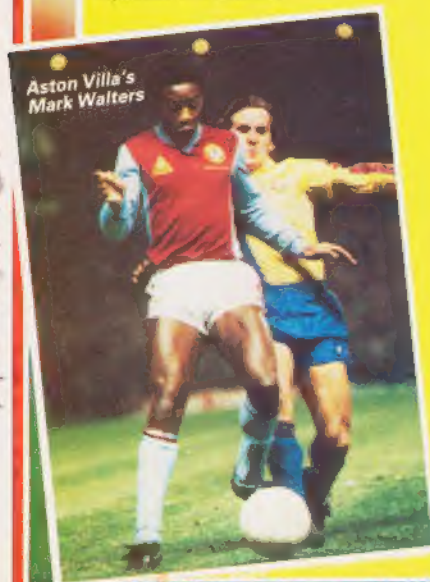
**FULL NAME:** Stewart Ian Robson  
**BIRTHPLACE:** Billericay, Essex  
**BIRTHDATE:** November 6, 1964  
**HEIGHT:** 6ft  
**WEIGHT:** 11st 12lbs  
**MARRIED:** No  
**CAR:** Volvo 343  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** None  
**JOB OR TRADE BEFORE:** None  
**TURNING PRO:** None  
**NICKNAME:** 'Robbo' to everyone but John Hollins, who calls me 'Damn Fine Show'  
**FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER:** Daily Mirror  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** West Ham's Alan Devonshire  
**A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE:** Aston Villa striker Mark Walters  
**FAVOURITE OTHER TEAMS:** West Ham and Everton's Championship team of 1969-70  
**FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD:** Joe Royle and Alan Ball  
**FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT:** Cricket  
**OTHER SPORTS PERSON YOU MOST ADMIRE:** Ian Botham  
**YOUR BEST EVER ALL TIME XI:** Banks; Vogts, Beckenbauer, Passarella, Junior; Bobby Charlton, Tardelli, Socrates; Pele, Jairzinho, Best.  
**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** My Arsenal debut against West Ham at Upton Park on December 5, 1981. We won 2-1

**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Being left out of the side to play West Ham this season  
**FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS:** West Ham  
**BEST STADIUM PLAYED IN:** Sydney Cricket Ground, Australia, during the World Youth Championships. And Upton Park.

**FAVOURITE FOOD AND DRINK:** Steak and tea  
**MISCELLANEOUS LIKES . . .**  
**DISLIKES:** Listening to music and a good meal . . . Rude people, smoking and driving in traffic  
**FAVOURITE SINGERS:** Earth Wind & Fire, George Benson  
**FAVOURITE ACTOR AND ACTRESS:** Clint Eastwood and Ingrid Bergmann  
**FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT:** I've only been to Majorca and Trinidad  
**BEST FILM SEEN RECENTLY:** 'Goodbye Mr Chips' on TV  
**FAVOURITE TV SHOW:** Only Fools And Horses  
**FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF:** A good lie-in and visit friends  
**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** My mum and dad for always encouraging me and Arsenal's reserve team manager Terry Murphy for bringing me to the club and helping me in the youth team.  
**SUPERSTITIONS:** Run out second behind David O'Leary  
**INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:** 18 Youth caps for England and a member of the Under-21 squad for the game against Denmark  
**PERSONAL AMBITION:** To be happy and successful with Arsenal  
**IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO?** No idea  
**CAREER AFTER PLAYING:** I'd like to run a farm  
**WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET?** The person who is presenting the League Milk Cup or F.A. Cup next year



*Stewart Robson*



Aston Villa's  
Mark Walters

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